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## THE AUBURN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 1927-28

Under a resolution adopted by the Auburn Alumni Association at the last annual meeting at Auburn the following appointments of officers and committees for the ensuing year were announced by Judge William H. Samford, President of the Auburn Alumni Association.

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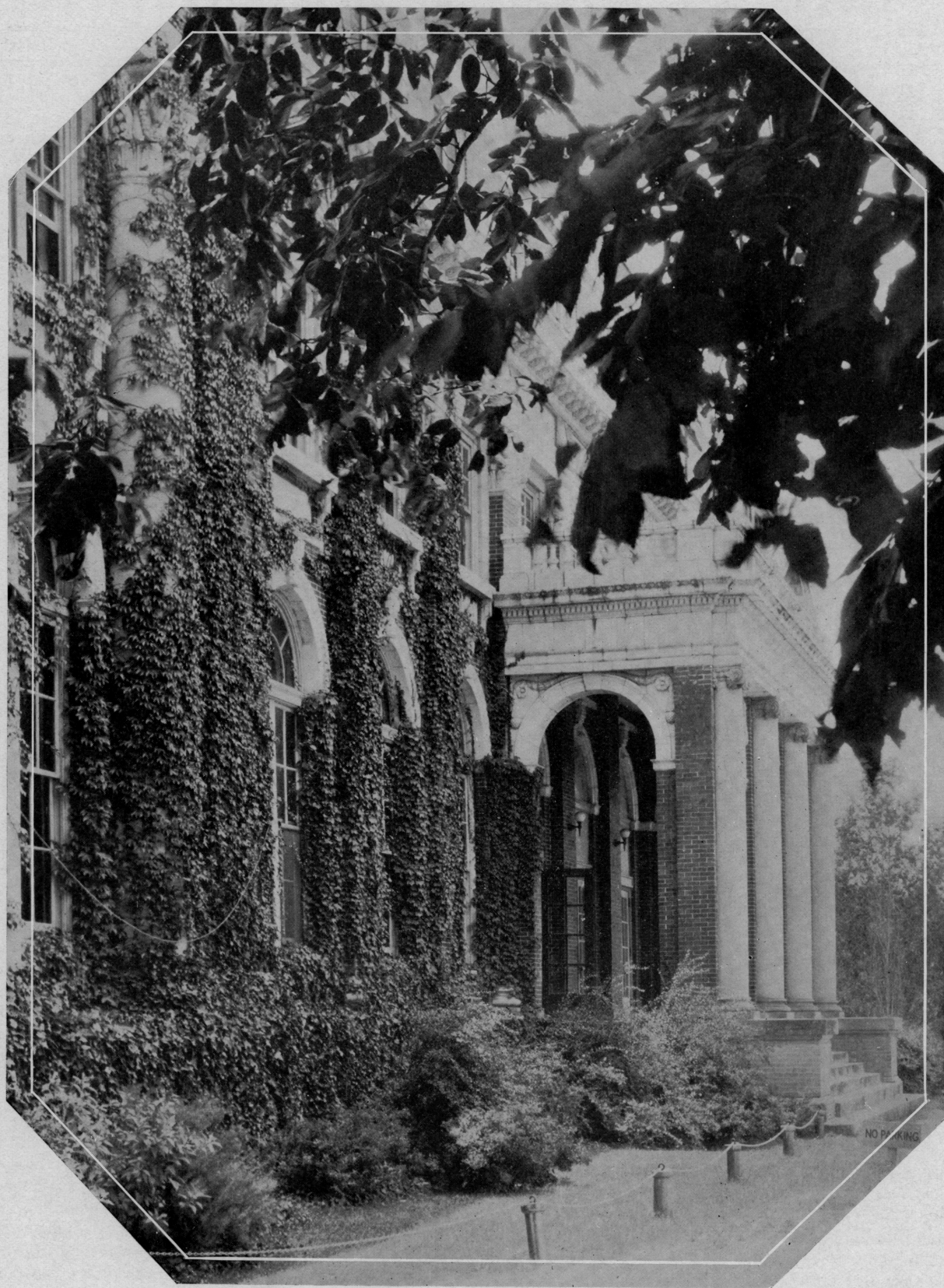
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#### COMER AGRICULTURAL HALL

*"Here, in her stately mansion on the hill,  
Bountiful Mother Ceres works her will".—1926 Glomerata*

The home of WAPI broadcasting studio; headquarters for the College of Agriculture; offices of Extension Service and Experiment Station; classrooms and laboratories. This building was burned in October 1920 and was rebuilt as a fireproof structure in 1921. A magnificent oil portrait of the late B. B. Comer hangs in one of the corridors.



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## Dr. Dowell Goes to Mercer University

*Following an Illustrious Career as President of Alabama Polytechnic Institute for Eight Years, Dr. Dowell Officially Assumes Presidency of Mercer, July 1st~*

TO A MAN who administers unto any cause as Dr. Spright Dowell, A. M., LL.D., has served the Alabama Polytechnic Institute throughout the past eight years, there is due a more worthy praise and deeper evidence of appreciation than can be placed on the printed page. Those who know Dr. Dowell realize the truth of this statement.

With this fact before us, we must resort to a brief review of his work while serving Auburn as its president. Due to limited space however, it will be impossible to present a complete survey of his many accomplishments. Moreover, an impression of the finer spiritual side of his personality, which really contributes most to his greatness, can not be appreciated save through direct acquaintance.

Dr. Dowell was inaugurated president of Auburn in 1920. Since that time some 400 acres of land have been purchased for the expansion of the campus and for experimental purposes in accordance with his "Greater Auburn" development plan. Buildings and equipment have been added to the amount of thousands of dollars, which has practically doubled the efficiency and operation of the college.

As a result of the "Greater Auburn" drive, launched under Dr. Dowell's administration, the following accomplishments have been realized: the erection of Erskine Ramsay Engineering Hall at a cost of more than a quarter of a million dollars, one of

the best college buildings in the South, giving relief and permanency to the work of engineering; the erection and equipping of the Alumni

ditions, too numerous—though fully worthy—to be mentioned here.

Definite steps were inaugurated to promote the best interests of the college; led by a standing committee on instruction to study conditions from the instructional and related points of view in the light of the best thought and practice of the day, to promote better teaching, and to recommend desirable changes as needed. An executive council was organized for coordinating and directing the work of the institute, which has been an invaluable aid in this service.

The removal of an accumulated indebtedness to the amount of \$80,000 was effected with the aid of a special legislative appropriation of \$65,000. Later an appropriation of \$40,000 was secured from the General Education Board to supplement salaries of under-paid professors, and to improve instruction.

The department of architecture has been elevated from a mere branch course given in connection with the school of engineering to a separate school, complete within itself. The military department at Auburn has received the high rating of "distinguished college" each of the eight years in which Dr. Dowell has served the institution. Engineering and agricultural students of Auburn have come to be recognized as among the best.

Enrollment at Auburn has increased sixty per cent under Dr. Dowell's direction. The following data give evidence of this: 1919-20



DR. SPRIGHT DOWELL, A. M., LL.D.  
President of Auburn, 1920-'28

dormitory at a cost of approximately \$130,000 with aid of the Association.

The replacement of Comer Agricultural hall, which was burned, with a fireproof structure of brick and concrete, more commodious, better arranged and better equipped; the erection of veterinary buildings of brick, that are modern and commodious; the erection of a modern shop building; also a storehouse for electrical and mechanical engineering and engineering research laboratories; military stables; agricultural hangars; poultry plant; radio broadcasting station; a host of other significant ad-



968 students; 1920-21, 1195 students; 1921-22, 1269 students; 1922-23, 1433 students; 1923-24, 1469 students; 1924-25, 1538 students; 1925-26, 1550 students; 1926-27, 1663 students; 1927-28, 1614 students. The 1928 graduating class of 304, including 49 to receive degrees in August, was the largest in the history of the institution.

**D**R. DOWELL is a native of Wake County, North Carolina. Receiving his elementary and secondary school training in the schools of his home district, he entered Wake Forest College where he was graduated with an A. B. degree in 1896. He later did graduate work at Columbia University, from which institution he received his master's degree in 1911. He was awarded the degree of LL.D. by the University of Alabama in 1920.

Dr. Dowell began his educational experience in Alabama in the schools of Shelby county, where for three years he was principal of the county high school at Columbiana. From 1906 to 1909 he was superintendent of schools at East Lake, before that municipality became a part of the City of Birmingham.

In 1909 he accepted a position as chief clerk of the state Department of Education at Montgomery, and later he was appointed state director of teacher-training and conductor of teachers' institutes. On October 1, 1917, he was appointed state superintendent of education by Governor Henderson and in January 1919, was elected to the same office for a term of four years. He resigned the state superintendency, however, to accept the presidency of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute and entered upon his new duties on June 7, 1920.

The following dedicatory statement appearing in the 1927 student year-book, the *Glomerata*, gives an insight into Dr. Dowell's character:

"If President means leader, director, friend, counselor, and advisor, then Dr. Dowell is truly president of Auburn. His hours are never so full that he cannot offer advice and encouragement to those in need, and his mind never so absorbed that he cannot speak the cheerful "Good Morning" that typifies the spirit of Auburn. Strength of character and purpose is written in every line of his face, and his eyes bespeak his love and loyalty to the position he fills so well.

"Under his administration, Auburn has known extraordinary growth and progress in faculty and buildings, as well as in total enrollment each year.

"This, combined with a wonderful personality, a generous heart and a just mind has won for him the sincerest love and respect of all Auburn."

Due largely to the efforts of Dr. Dowell, Auburn was successful this year in securing the most substantial legislative appropriations in its history. With the passing of the Unified Education Bill last summer, Auburn is receiving \$750,000 during the next three years. In speaking of Auburn's increased revenue, Dr. Dowell said:

"This year, (1927-28) marks the transition in the life of the institution from a station of comparative poverty to one of relative financial comfort. With the added strength, the more thorough organization, and the wise expansion that are now possible and with the quality of support that you are prepared to give in translating such possibilities ahead, that a better Auburn will mean a better Alabama, and that all those who have the real Auburn spirit and the true spirit of Alabama will work together wholeheartedly to give the boys and girls of Alabama the best possible advantages to prepare for the largest life careers."

#### RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION IN RE

#### DOCTOR SPRIGHT DOWELL

**T**HE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute have heretofore expressed their very great regret at the resignation of DR. SPRIGHT DOWELL as President of this Institution. Mindful of the unblemished character and great ability of Dr. Dowell, and realizing the wonderful growth of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute during the eight years of Dr. Dowell's administration as President of said Institution, the Board expressed its reluctance to lose Dr. Dowell's services in the high and responsible position as the head of the Institution.

In addition to the action of the Board of Trustees heretofore expressed and the sincere regrets of the individual members of the Board of Trustees, it seems fitting and highly proper that this Board of Trustees, at the immediate time of the losing of Dr. Dowell, should again formally and definitely place upon the records of this Board an expression of its high appreciation of Dr. Dowell's services to the Alabama Polytechnic Institute during the years of his incumbency as President of this Institution. The records of the Institution, itself, are the most

convincing proof of the faithful service and ability which has characterized Dr. Dowell's devotion to duty, and his fitness for the place which he has so acceptably filled. It would take pages of the Record of the Minutes of this Board of Trustees to restate even briefly the many achievements accomplished by Dr. Dowell and accomplished by the institution during the time of his presidency; and such would be but a repetition of the record already made and fixed in the archives of the Institution. This Board shall content itself now, therefore, with a mere reference to these achievements and these accomplishments, so very much the result of Dr. Dowell's untiring efforts and genius.

Since Dr. Dowell, for reasons best understood by himself, has definitely determined to insist upon his resignation as President of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute and has so signified to this Board of Trustees, and has accepted a position of like dignity and usefulness in our sister State, Georgia,—

**BE IT RESOLVED** by this Board of Trustees that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Minutes of this Board of Trustees as an evidence of our appreciation and gratitude for the services performed by Dr. Dowell and of our high and affectionate esteem for him as a man; and as an assurance to him that he carries with him in his new field of labor the warmest regard and the best wishes of this Board of Trustees and each individual member thereof.

Resolved further, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished to Dr. Dowell.

Respectfully,  
T. D. SAMFORD  
HARRY HERZFELD  
PAUL HALEY  
Committee.

June 25, 1928.

#### FUNCHESS DIRECTS RESEARCH WORK

Dean M. J. Funchess of the college of agriculture of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, has been asked to direct a study of research work and graduate studies in the Land-Grant colleges of Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, and Mississippi. He has accepted the invitation, and will complete the work October 1.

The research study is being made by the Federal Bureau of Education as a result of a special act by Congress. All phases of land-grant college work are being studied with leaders in different lines in charge.

# Miss Allie Glenn is Popular With the Alumni

*As Friend of Every Auburn Man, Miss Allie, the College Treasurer,  
is Third of Her Family to Serve A. P. I.*

THE NAME Glenn is closely associated with the treasury of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. No check has ever been signed in that department of the college, by anyone other than a Glenn. First came John B. Glenn, who was president of the board of trustees of the East Alabama Male College during its entire existence, 1857 to 1872; then his son was made treasurer when the college became the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College from 1872 until his death in 1906; and next the latter's daughter, Miss M. Allie Glenn from 1906 until the present time.

For three years Miss Allie attended the Alabama Conference Female College at Tuskegee, which later was moved to Montgomery to be known as Womans College. Though she did not graduate, a few years later, this institution made her an honorary alumna. Still later she returned to the college at Tuskegee for only a year to study voice. During another twelve months, Miss Allie studied voice in New York City under the direction of the well known Oscar Saenger. With the exception of this last year just mentioned, she has served continuously for thirty-two years in the treasury department of the college.

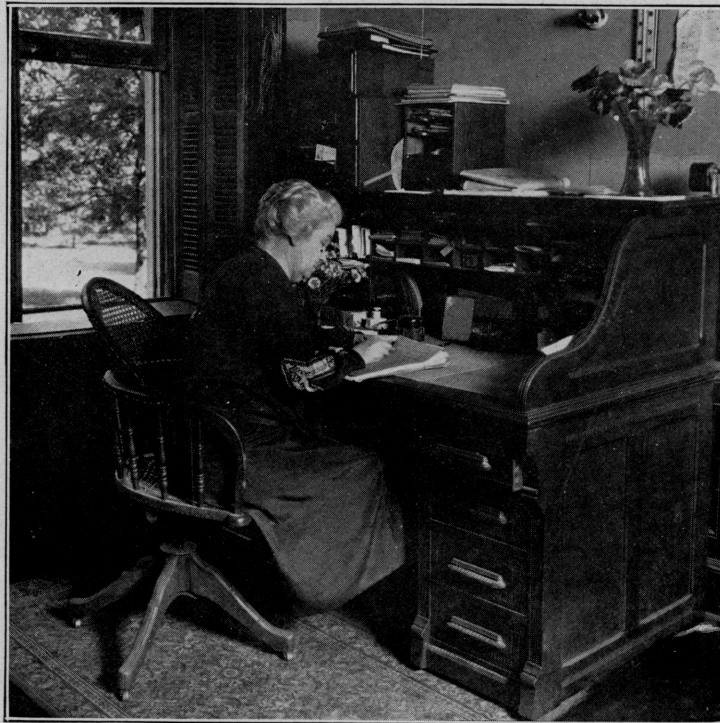
For the first ten years of Miss Allie's work here she assisted her father as college treasurer, taking over the entire responsibility at his death.

The treasurer's position was a much more difficult undertaking then than it is now, as it comprehended the complete accounting aspects of the college.

In addition, many of the boys deposited the whole amount of their year's expenses with Miss Allie, and she cashed their checks as they needed the money, keeping an individual account for each one. Also Miss

BY J. M. McMURRAY, '30

Allie sent monthly statements to the boys' fathers showing the amounts checked out. Often she assumed the responsibility of limiting certain



M. A. GLENN

Busily Working in her same office in Main building

boys' "spending money," as per request of their fathers.

All this was a mammoth job. She says, though, that it brought her in much closer contact with the boys, causing her then to know practically all of them by name.

MISS ALLIE dispatched this monstrous business by herself except for the one year that Roland Adams served as her assistant. He went to the war in 1917, returned, and is now the president of a successful bank in York, Alabama. His instruction under Miss Allie must have been of value. Her efficiency as a good business woman is unquestioned.

Occasionally she is mistaken for a business man; for her official signature is always "M. A. Glenn". Once a father called from Mobile to advise that his son was spending too much

money, and on hearing a woman's voice, asked to speak to the treasurer. It took Miss Allie quite a few minutes to convince him that she was the treasurer. Thoroughly disgusted he exclaimed, "Well, I didn't know he was a woman."

This was most unusual for almost everyone who has ever been connected with Auburn in any way knows and appreciates Miss Allie.

Like most people who have achieved note in their professions, Miss Allie does not like publicity. When I called to talk to her for a few minutes, the photographer was there for her to pose. Miss Allie was telling him that she didn't ever have pictures made. But she submitted and the photographer left her office with the makings of this cut of the woman who has had the longest continued official position at Auburn.

Her office is still in the old main building at the left of the entrance

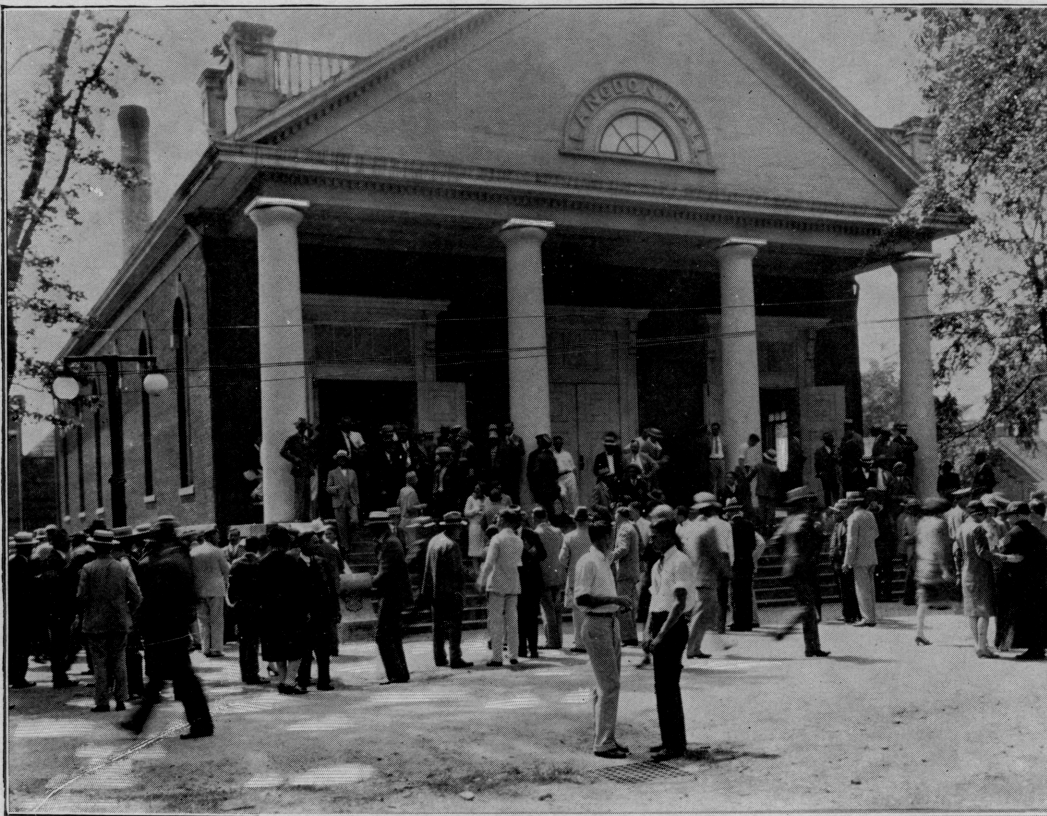
where the boys used to call for their week's allowance. When alumni return their first stop is usually with Miss Allie. Here they talk over old times, finding out where their friends are, and what they are doing.

AS TO MISS ALLIE herself, I suppose there isn't much to tell the alumni, who knew her so well. She is, and will always be the same jovial, interesting person, always ready to greet alumni or students, always read to cheer them on. And with all this check-signing, et cetera, she is never too busy to tell you hello. She never forgets an old grad's name regardless of the time since he returned to the campus. Miss Allie has an unusual memory about such things.

Aside from her work, Miss Allie's chief interest is music. She has the fineness and appreciative sensitive-

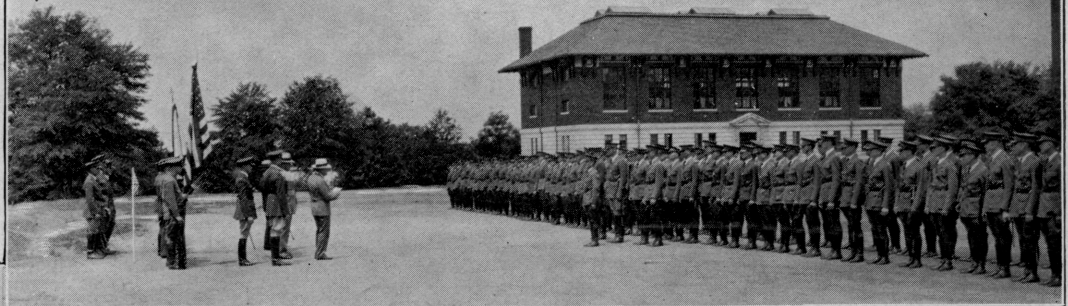
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Alumni emerging from Landon Hall, following the annual meeting on May 21. Everybody then went to the Carpenter Shop for the huge barbecue where more than 800 Auburn men and members of their families were served.

(Right) Governor Graves addressing 160 senior cadets before awarding them commissions in the Reserve Corps. Alumni Gym in the background.



President-elect Knapp receiving a flag in behalf of the college given by Frank M. Malone representing Blue Key Honor Society, part of the drill field activities on Alumni Day. Governor Graves and part of his staff together with members of the Board of Trustees may be seen at the left.



# Auburn Men Return To Campus in Great Numbers For Alumni Day, May 21

*An Interesting Session in Langdon Hall, President-elect Knapp and Coach Bohler Appeared Before the Alumni and General R. E. Noble, '90, Was Elected President for the Coming Year*

WHAT IS thought to be the largest gathering of Auburn men back at the old school in many years took place on Monday, May 21, when approximately 750 loyal grads gathered back at the college on Alumni Day. It was impossible to secure an accurate check on the exact number returning but Langdon Hall was crowded to capacity when Judge William H. Samford of Montgomery called the meeting to order shortly after 10 o'clock.

The old grads began to pour into Auburn on Sunday before Alumni Day and it was not uncommon to see groups of them gathered talking over old times at various locations on the streets of the Village.

The exercises opened Monday morning with the staging of the annual competitive drill by the students in the R. O. T. C. unit at 8 o'clock. Many of the former students gathered on the stands behind Main building to witness the activities which continued until 10 o'clock.

Approximately 1000 khaki clad cadets took part in various competitive drills. Handsomely engraved sabres were given to the cadet captains of the best drilled company and artillery battery. In addition, regimental medals were awarded both first and second winners as the best drilled cadet.

Featuring the exercises of the drill field was the participation of Governor Bibb Graves in awarding 160 commissions in the Reserve Corps to graduating members of the unit. Immediately before Governor Graves awarded the commissions he delivered a short address outlining the significance of officership in the Reserve Corps and giving his views on preparedness.

President-elect Bradford Knapp,

who was in Auburn especially to deliver the address before the Alumni in Langdon Hall, also took part in the exercises on the drill field, standing with Governor Graves in the reviewing lines and officially receiving

work here at Auburn since his arrival on March 15 and briefly outlined his attitude toward athletics. He emphasized the need of alumni support in the accomplishment of any athletic program.



**AUBURN'S PAST AND PRESENT ALUMNI HEAD**

*Judge William H. Samford of Montgomery, left, who tendered his resignation as president of the association after four years of untiring effort for Auburn, and Gen. R. E. Noble, '90, of Anniston, unanimously elected on May 21 to lead the alumni.*

ing a flag for the college presented by Frank M. Malone, '28, in behalf of the Blue Key honor society.

Following the final official review of the year, when the cadets marched by the reviewing stand and passed the hundreds of alumni gathered in the bleachers, the scene shifted to Langdon Hall, where Coach George M. Bohler was presented to the alumni by Judge Samford, president of the association. Coach Bohler made a brief report on the progress of his

In speaking of the fifty or sixty football candidates who had been participating in spring practice throughout the latter part of the semester, Coach Bohler stated that the material was unusually promising. He added that in his opinion it would be possible to develop from these players a much better team than he had ever assembled at Mississippi College.

Coach Bohler expressed his approval of a comprehensive system of intramural sports that would give every man in college an opportunity to participate in some form of athletics. In closing, Coach Bohler used these words, "So friends and alumni we want you to help us, as I know you will, as we are going to need your help. I am here to ask your hearty cooperation, and as the cheer leader would say to his men, 'Let's Go!'"

President-elect Knapp was then introduced to the alumni by the president of the association Dr. Knapp who officially takes up his duties here July 1, spoke specifically about the future of Auburn and among many interesting matters, expressed

his belief that Auburn should in the very near future erect a modest football stadium that would seat at least 10,000 people. He made known the fact that already a method for raising funds for the erecting of such a stadium had been considered in his own mind and he would be ready to submit such a proposition at the proper time. Dr. Knapp also expressed his approval of renewing relations with the University of Alabama. (Continued on page 29)



## Gen. R. E. Noble '90 Elected President Auburn Alumni

*New Alumni Head Has Long And Distinguished Career*

WITH THE Election of Gen. R. E. Noble '90 to the presidency of the Alumni Association on Alumni Day, May 21, one of Auburn's most distinguished sons was placed at the head of the college's most important organization. General Noble is amply qualified through experience, ability and love for Auburn to direct the affairs of the association.

The able continuance of the work so well conducted during the past four years by Judge William H. Samford, of Montgomery, was assured when General Noble accepted the responsibilities of this office following his unanimous election with no one else being nominated. From the policies of the new president printed on the editorial pages of this issue it is not difficult to see that General Noble has great plans in mind for the development and furtherance of the alumni work.

General Noble was born Rome, Ga., November 5, 1870; moved to Anniston, Alabama, 1879. Educated in private schools in Rome and Anniston until entering the Alabama Polytechnic Institute in January, 1887. Graduated 1890, degree of B. S. Post graduate 1891, degree of M. S. Assistant State Chemist, states of Alabama and North Carolina, 1890-95. Student Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, 1895-99. Graduated, degree of M. D. Internship, Reynold's Island, Metropolitan Hospital, New York, 1899 to 1900.

Appointed First Lieutenant, Assistant Surgeon, June 21, 1901; Captain, Assistant Surgeon, January 1, 1910; Colonel, Medical Corps, National Army, January 26, 1918; Brigadier General, Medical Corps, National Army, May 27, 1918. Served in Philippine Islands, several posts in the United States, and in the Canal Zone. With the Department of Sanitation from June 1907 to April, 1914. May to September 1914 with the Expeditionary Force, Vera Cruz. September, 1914, on duty in the office of the Surgeon General, Washington, D. C. While on duty with the Panama Canal Commission, Canal Zone, Department of Sanitation, Member of Sanitary Commission to study the yellow fever and plague situation in Quayaquil, Ecuador, December to January, 1911-12. In Por-

to Rico August, 1912, to April, 1913, on anti-mosquito work. Member of the Commission to Rand Mine, South Africa for inquiry into the cause of pneumonia among native mine workers; at Vera Cruz, Mexico, May-September 1914; duty War Dept., Washington, D. C., 1914-18; arrived in France, October 25, 1918; returned to U. S. August 3, 1919; retired as

major General, February 8, 1925; member and later director of the Rockefeller Foundation Yellow Fever Commission to the West Coast of

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### AN EXPLANATION

Due to unavoidable circumstances it was impossible to carry a complete reprint of Dr. Knapp's address to the Alumni on May 21, but it will appear in full in the next issue of the Alumnus to appear in August.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUBURN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

July 1, 1927—May 18, 1928

### RECEIPTS:

Balance from former secretary R. C. Brown	\$ 221.87
Dues and subscriptions to Alumnus	3014.00
Received on loans	363.83
Donations from alumni	195.00
Life memberships	700.00

Total receipts \$4494.70

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries	1353.33
Labor	776.54
Supplies (Paper, envelopes, Alumnus)	524.80
Communication, frt., postage, etc.	470.00
Travel	231.66
Publications including Alumnus	915.34
*Equipment	564.09
Loan	50.00

Total disbursements 4885.76

Deficit \$ 391.06

\*Equipment consists of desk, chair, typewriter, filing cabinet and Kardex outfit.

## AUBURN CAMPUS FUND July 1, 1927—May 18, 1928

### RECEIPTS:

Student Council	\$1000.00
R. A. Crump	55.00
*Alumni Secretary	575.00
Auburn Social Committee	500.00
Alumni Secretary	50.00
Interest	.75

Less deficit June 30th 11.50

Total receipts \$2169.25

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Scholarships loans to 24 worthy students \$2267.45

Net Deficit \$ 98.20

Total deficit \$ 489.26

Detailed itemization of all the above on file in the office of the Alumni Association Secretary, and the office of the College Accountant.

\* Principal item loan First National of Auburn \$500.00.

The Campus Fund is an account through which scholarship loans are made to worthy students, this being a project of the Association.

# Auburn Honors Erskine Ramsay With Professional Degree and Testimonial

*College Manifests Gratitude for Benefaction of Philanthropist*

**O**F peculiar interest during the recent commencement was the professional recognition given the Hon. Erskine Ramsay, Birmingham capitalist and philanthropist, by the Alabama Polytechnic Institute when President Spright Dowell conferred on him the degree of mining engineer.

The award came just after Dr. Dowell had completed conferring of degrees upon the graduation class of approximately 250 on May 22nd. This was the last degree conferred by Dr. Dowell as president of Auburn.

In addition, by action of the president and executive council and with the approval of the board of trustees, an engraved testimonial of appreciation was given Mr. Ramsay in recognition of his tremendous service to Auburn through the \$100,000 gift which made possible the erection of the Ramsay Engineering hall. The certificate was artistically sketched by C. J. Snook, '27, instructor in the department of architecture.

Introductory to the special service honoring Mr. Ramsay, Dr. C. B. Glenn, of Birmingham, reviewed briefly his career as an engineer and as a citizen. He referred to him as a friend and benefactor of Auburn. Following this Dr. Dowell gave him a certificate expressing the high appreciation of him by the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. It was a token of thanks for his generous donation to the institute, making possible one of the buildings on the campus named for him. Mr. Ramsay responded briefly and thanked the college for the high honor. He said that he failed to get a college education. He was high in his praise of Auburn alumni, the work of whom attracted his favorable attention to Auburn, and resulted in a gift of \$100,000 which went into a new building.

Representing the board of trustees, T. D. Samford, of Opelika, eulogized Mr. Ramsay for his splendid traits and his magnanimous gift.

The complete resolution of the Executive Council and president, which was approved by the board of trustees, follows:

## THE ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

desiring to give permanent expression to its profound appreciation of

### ERSKINE RAMSAY



HON. ERSKINE RAMSAY

Inventor of National fame  
Engineer of consummate ability  
Citizen of preeminent qualities  
Statesman of praiseworthy service  
Gentleman of exemplary character  
Patron of surpassing liberality

HEREBY records its immeasurable gratitude for the life, the work, the genius and the friendship of this nobleman and for his timely and magnanimous gift for the erection of ERSKINE RAMSAY ENGINEERING HALL

with which his name and career will forever be associated for the inspiration of youth and for the emulation of all who applaud skill and progress in human endeavor and  
HEREBY directs that copies of this instrument be suitably prepared and placed in the hands of Mr. Ramsay, in the executive office of Erskine

Ramsay Engineering Hall, in the Archives of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute and that his name and deed be held in grateful remembrance forever.

Auburn, Alabama, May 22, 1928

Signed:

BIBB GRAVES,

For the Board of Trustees

SPRIGHT DOWELL,

For the Faculty

**T**HE following biography of Mr. Ramsay appeared in "The Explosives Engineer" magazine in March, 1924:

Engineer, inventor, coal operator, financier, and philanthropist, are among the important roles played by Erskine Ramsay during the past thirty years in the development of Birmingham, of Alabama, and of the South.

His first job in Birmingham, at the age of twenty-two, was engineer for the Tenn. Coal, Iron & Railroad Co. Today, he is president of two coal companies, vice president and chief engineer of two others, besides being an officer or director in a long list of Alabama's leading financial, manufacturing, and mercantile institutions.

Most of Mr. Ramsay's early work was with the Tenn. Coal, Iron & Railroad Co. In 1901 he became vice president and chief engineer of the Pratt Consolidated Coal Company, of which he is now one of the largest stockholders. He holds the same position in the Tennessee Consolidated Coal Co. and is president of the Pratt Coal Co. and the Globe Coal Co., of Birmingham, and joint owner with G. B. McCormack of the New Castle Coal Co. He is president of the Union Land Co., the Steel City Land Co., and the Blossburg Land Co., a director of the Alabama Grocery Co., and vice president of the Pratt Land and Improvement Co. He is an important figure in the Alabama banking world and is director and a member of the executive committee of the First National Bank of Birmingham, a large stockholder in the American Trust and Savings Bank of the same city, and, until recently he was president and

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Left, a group of senior engineers inspecting Main plant of the T. C. & I. Company at Ensley, Alabama. The huge blast furnaces appear in the background. Below are cooling towers at the steam plant of the Birmingham Electric Company.

## Engineering Seniors Visit Alabama Industries

*Annual Inspection Trip Through Great Industrial Plants is  
Part of Graduation Requirements*

AUBURN seniors engaged in engineering and business courses recently completed the annual inspection trip to the Birmingham district, Sheffield and Muscle Shoals. Approximately 125 students made the trip, under the supervision of Professors W. W. Hill, C. R. Hixon, and A. C. Callan of the college of engineering, and Dean J. W. Scott of the academic faculty.

This tour required a week, during which time the students were allowed to become acquainted with the practical applications of their studies at Auburn.

An inspection trip of this nature, or its equivalent is a requirement which confronts each graduating class in engineering and business courses. It acquaints students with the actual manipulation of theory studied during their college careers. Scarcely a finer means of acquaintance with realities in this line could be afforded in such limited time.

In the spring of each year seniors in electrical, mechanical, civil, architectural and chemical engineering take the inspection trip.

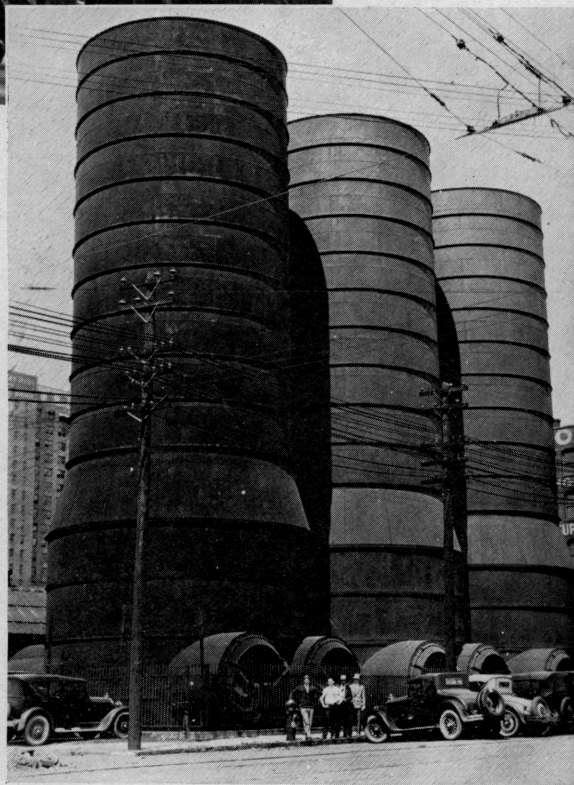
General business students also inspect annually plants and firms which are engaged in practices lying within their field of pursuit and study. They visited important banking, real estate, manufacturing and other concerns in Birmingham, including the Jemison Companies, the Alabama Home Building and Loan association, the Age-Herald and News, Loveman,

Joseph and Loeb, Moore-Handley Hardware Company, Estes Lumber Company, and others.

Engineering students—chemical, electrical, civil, mechanical and architectural—observed the following plants: Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, Birmingham Slag Company, American Steel and Wire Company, T. C. I. By-Products plant, Westfield Steel Plant, Westfield's New Steam Plant, Stockham Pipe and Fittings Company, Birmingham Cold Storage Company, Moore-Handley Hardware Company, American Cast Iron Pipe Company, Southern Sewer Pipe Company, Estes Lumber Company, Birmingham Water Works, Nitrate Plant Number Two, and Wilson Dam.

THE engineering group of students, over one hundred in number made the Moulton Hotel in Birmingham their headquarters, and each morning assembled there at eight o'clock to start on the day's inspection tour. Private cars and street cars were employed for transportation.

The trip began Monday, April 2, lasting through the following Saturday. Each student paid his own expenses and aside from being required to inspect each plant had no other



binding regulations. Complete details cannot be included here; as books could, and have been written on each separate phase of the work reviewed. Those points of most general interest are attempted in this summary.

Processes observed by the engineering students included: making of steel from hematite iron ore, by the T. C. I. and R. R. Co., at Ensley—a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation, though complete within itself; the making of all kinds of slag brick and hollow tile, by the Birmingham Slag Co., the making of all forms of drawn wire and wire nails by the American Steel and Wire Company—a part of the United States Steel Corporation, but operating as a separate unit; the production of coke and gas from coal by the T. C. I. By-Products Plant; Modern steel making at the Westfield Steel plant, and a review of its new steam plant which is to begin operation June 1;



the making of cast iron pipe fittings of all imaginary dimensions, from the pig to the finished product; cold storage methods and practices, wholesale hardware operation, cast iron pipe manufacture, moulding of clay pipe and joints, the manufacture of lumber materials, operation of Birmingham Water Works, Nitrate production processes at Muscle Shoals.

**N**EAR the close of the tour the nationally famous great nitrate plant at Muscle Shoals was visited. This unit afforded the students a look-in on one of the greatest engineering feats and accomplishments in America.

In view of the wide recognition received by Wilson Dam, the processes in operation there are reprinted in full as taken from a thesis submitted by R. D. Dean, M. E., '28.

Recognition was quite favorably accorded the students on this trip. Firms and companies were very hospitable, welcoming the delegation.

Commenting on the tour editorially under the heading, "Our Auburn Visitors" the Birmingham Post had the following to say:

Birmingham is host this week to more than 100 Auburn seniors who are making a tour of inspection over the industrial and business district.

They came to see the practical application of the theories they have been learning at college. Busy industrial leaders, merchants, credit men, plant superintendents, and bankers, are stopping their work long enough to show the boys what it's all about.

This visit is required of the boys before they are awarded degrees in either business administration or electrical engineering.

Surely this is a very welcome phase of our college curricula. The college and the business world should be in closer communication than they now are. College boys should not be in a little word apart but should early become a part of the busy, complicated world of com-

merce and industry for which they are training.

That local business men should make the trip possible proves how important a part colleges are coming to play in the business world.

#### NITRATE PLANT NUMBER TWO Muscle Shoals, Ala.

Two nitrate plants were built near Wilson Dam during the war in an effort to make the United States independent of Chile for its supply of nitrates. Neither of these plants are in operation at the present time, but they stand ready at the word of Congress to begin the production of nitrate in huge quantities for fertilizer in peace time or for explosives in time of war. They represent an investment of \$14,000,000.

Plant number one was built as an experiment plant. Number two is by far the larger, and will produce the bulk of the output. Nitrate Plant Number Two, which is the largest of its kind in the world, was successfully operated for one year. In this plant there are twelve carbide furnaces, each requiring about 10,000 HP of electricity to operate. They have a total capacity of 300 tons of carbide per twenty-four hours. There are also 1,536 cyanamide ovens, 1,000 of which can be in continuous operation.

The liquid air plant, which is five times larger than any other in the world, can extract nitrogen from the air at the rate of one-half million cubic feet per hour at normal pressure. Fifteen 300 HP air compressors are required in this build-

ing. The nitrogen extracted per day weighs 300 tons and is 99.99 per cent pure.

Plant number two requires 300 tons of coke per day, 200 tons of coal, and 600 tons of lime. Converted into nitrates at this point, and thence into explosives, these ingredients are sufficient to maintain one million men in the trenches per day.

The power necessary to run this plant is enormous, and a steam plant has been built to furnish it. The steam power house has a capacity of 135,000 HP. This power was intended to be used until the completion of Wilson Dam. At present it is being used by the Alabama Power Company for emergency purposes.

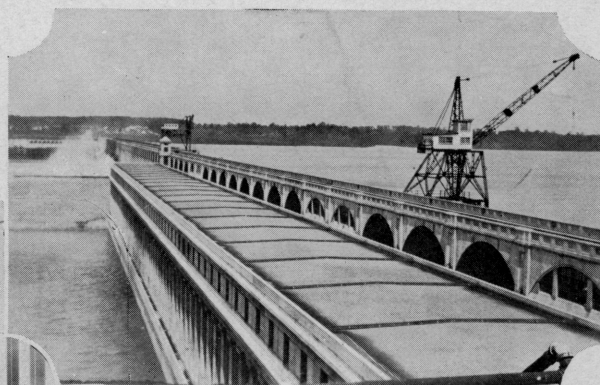
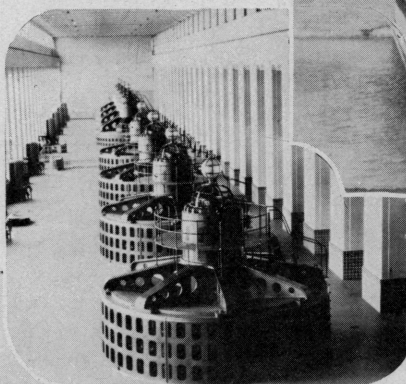
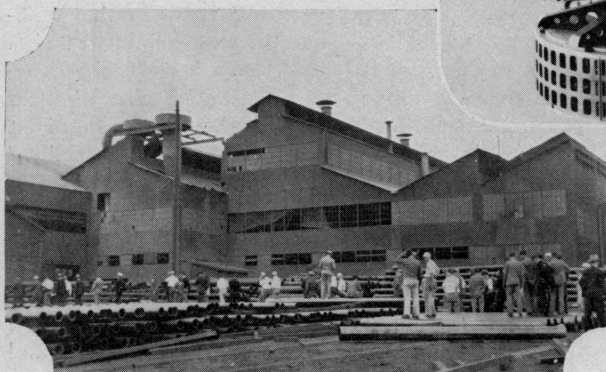
This power house contains one of the largest steam turbines ever built. It has a capacity of 50,000 HP. Twelve Sterling boilers of 1,500 HP each furnish the steam for this unit. Running at capacity this power house requires 1,500 tons of coal per day. The power is transmitted to the nitrate plant over large copper busses through a surface tunnel.

Here as at the nitrate plant, all wiring is underground. This is done at the nitrate plant to prevent the corroding of wires by gasses in air, and as a precaution against explosions due to sparks.

#### WILSON DAM

##### Muscle Shoals, Ala.

Wilson Dam is located on the Tennessee River.  
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Left, Auburn seniors may be seen inspecting the plant of American Cast Iron Pipe Company with a view

to observing many practical applications of theory studied in their courses. Center, view of power house floor at Wilson Dam showing eight huge electric generators. Upper right, view of dam, the largest in the world, across the Tennessee river, showing the power house to left which is on the lower side of the dam. The dam is one mile in length. Behind this building (a part of the dam structure itself) the water is penned up—96 feet high—waiting to be turned loose on the paddles of the turbines—the one constructed and the ones to be installed upon completion of the project.



# Allocation of Teacher-Training Fund Vigorously Denounced by Trustees

*Action of Board of Education Branded as "Inequitable, Unfair and Illegal"*

THE ACTION of the State Board of Education in the allocation of teachers' training funds was strongly condemned by the Board of Trustees of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute at their session during Commencement, the first since the action was taken. They adopted a report on this action submitted by a subcommittee composed of O. R. Hood, chairman, Gadsden; ex-Governor Charles Henderson; T. D. Samford, Opelika; Chas. S. McDowell, Eufaula; and C. W. Ashcraft, Florence. Their statement on this in full follows:

We, your Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees to investigate, interpret and determine the legal status of the EDUCATIONAL APPROPRIATION BILL passed by the last legislature, with special reference to the action of the State Board of Education to and growing out of the allotment of the fund of \$100,000.00 known as the Teacher Training Equalization Fund for High School Teachers in Alabama at the three higher institutions of learning, beg leave to report:

1. Your Committee met at the Tutwiler Hotel in Birmingham, on May 7th, 1928.

2. We had before us the Act of the Legislature in question, a transcript of the action of the State Board of Education, a copy of the Minutes of the State Council of Education in relation to and growing out of this subject, together with considerable correspondence from the Superintendent of Education, Dr. Dowell, Dr. Carmichael, and other documents bearing on the subject.

3. After a careful study of the subject in all of its phases by the individual members of the Committee previous to its meeting and a full discussion and consideration of the subject at the meeting, your Committee is unanimously of the opinion that the action of the State Board of Education in the allotment of this fund of \$100,000.00 known as the Teacher Training Equalization Fund for High School Teachers at the three higher institutions of learning was not only grossly inequitable and unfair but was illegal.

WE are of the opinion that the said fund was not *apportioned* by the State Board of Education in any true sense of the meaning of the word APPORTION or according to the true intent or meaning of the Act, but that the same was arbitrarily allotted without any principle of equalization in relation to the load of teacher training for high school teachers carried by the three higher institutions of learning, namely, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, University of Alabama, and Alabama College. A careful reading and consideration of the entire Act—House Bill 318, known as the "Unified Educational Program Bill"—shows that the principle of equalization pervades and dominates throughout the bill. In our opinion, this principle and this spirit were ignored by the State Board of Education in its arbitrary allotment of the fund in question. In Section 21 of said bill the word apportion is repeatedly used. This word apportion means "to assign in just proportion" and excludes all thought of any arbitrary action. Section 21 of said Act says: "The sum of \$100,000.00—shall be devoted EXCLUSIVELY to the training of HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS."

The effort at allocation of teacher training work at the University of Alabama by the State Board of Education, which effort was subsequently the action of the State Council of Education, assigns to the University not only work "in training high school teachers" but undertakes to assign to the University a large amount of work in the training of *elementary teachers*. Furthermore, the action of the State Council of Education in attempting the allocation of teacher training work at the University undertakes to set up a super school in teacher training work embracing the training of superintendents of high schools and principals of high schools and, also, to do certain research work. Clearly, the State Board of Education has no legal right to allot to the University any portion of the said sum of \$100,000 to support and carry on any teacher training work that was not *exclusively* for the training of "high school TEACHERS."

THE State Board of Education in its effort to justify the unfair and inequitable allotment of this said \$100,000.00 fund for the *exclusive training of high school teachers*, undertook to prescribe certain work in teacher training at the three higher institutions of learning, but said Board, probably being subsequently advised that they had no such authority, abandoned such effort and suspended its former action in regard to the allotment of said fund until the allocation of work might be passed upon by the State Council of Education. This is a clear admission on the part of the State Board of Education that this action was predicated upon an illegal estimation on its part with reference to the allocation of work. It is, therefore, just as illegal to predicate its allotment of the \$100,000.00 fund on the subsequent effort on the part of the State Council of Education for the allocation of work, it being admitted by every member of the State Council of Education that the State Council of Education has not authority in the premises other than such as may be construed to be advisory. In fact, the law creating the State Council of Education makes it affirmatively and emphatically to appear that the State Council of Education can do no more than to consider and advise, or recommend the allocation of work. So far as any authority or law is concerned the State Council of Education has no more authority to allocate work at the three higher institutions of learning than the State Board of Education. Both Boards are alike impotent to perform any such service. It clearly appears, therefore, that the action of the State Board of Education in the allotment of this \$100,000.00 fund for the training of high school teachers predicated on any action of the attempted allocation of work either by the State Board of Education or the State Council of Education is illegal. Furthermore, the clear meaning and intent of the Act of the Legislature is for the *apportionment* of this fund based upon the amount of work in teacher training which was being done at the time of the passage of the Act, and said Act did not contemplate the re-

arrangement or the reallocation of teacher training work in the future.

WE are advised that the State Board of Education undertook to justify its action in the division of this \$100,000.00 fund by basing the division or allotment of said trust fund on the entire load of work that was being done at each of these higher institutions of learning. Even upon this basis the University of Alabama is carrying a load of between 500 and 600 non-resident students, and in the light of that fact any such basis would be an unfair basis for the division of any State fund. Besides this, the State Board ignores the fact that the University has a large income from other sources not enjoyed by either of the other two higher institutions of learning. But any such basis for the division or apportionment of this fund is illegal and altogether aside from the plain meaning of the Act. This fund of \$100,000.00 is *exclusively* for the *training of high school teachers*, and clearly any fair division or apportionment of the fund upon the principle of equalization must be based upon the work that is being done in that particular or restricted line of teacher training work, and any other basis is not only unfair but illegal.

The Act in question, in the latter clause of Section 21, provides:

**"That before any part of it is apportioned to an institution for any YEAR the dean of the school of education of such institution shall submit through its president a budget for the approval of the State Board of Education."**

Clearly, this clause constitutes a condition precedent.

We are advised that the State Board of Education in its action ignored this provision of the law. The allotment or effort to apportion the said sum of \$100,000.00 to the three higher institutions of learning was not only done without the submission of a budget on the part of the dean of either of said institutions, but the action of the said Board of Education was actually done without the KNOWLEDGE of either of the presidents of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute or of the Alabama College. The ignoring of the presidents of these two higher institutions of learning, we are told, was designedly done. Certainly it was not a mere oversight. In the light of subsequent developments such omission seems significant.

We regret, also, that this unfortunate episode seems to have had its genesis just about the time when the

Alabama Polytechnic Institute was passing through a distressful transition period from one administration to another; when common courtesy and any sort of sympathetic consideration to be expected from other educational agencies should prompt an open, fair and free discussion of such contemplated action.

WE recommend that every right, legal and moral, of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute be protected in every feasible and legal way, that its standing as an institution be maintained and to that end such steps be taken as this board may deem advisable and proper under the circumstances.

4. We do not deem the question of the so-called Educational Survey of Alabama made nearly ten years ago a vital one for the consideration of this Committee nor of this Board of Trustees at this time. The so-called Educational Survey has been repudiated by the Board of Trustees of the Alabama College; it is *FUNC-TUS OFFICIO* so far as any binding effect upon either of the three higher institutions of learning are concerned. And, if it is insisted by either of said three higher institutions of learning that such institution has any advantage on account or by virtue of such Educational Survey, we recommend that this Board of Trustees follow the example of the Board of Trustees of Alabama College and also repudiate such survey so far as it may apply to the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. However, since the action of the Board of Trustees of the Alabama College in this regard, we deem any action by this Board unnecessary.

NOTWITHSTANDING, we feel that the Alabama Polytechnic Institute has kept faith in spirit and in fact with every understanding, written or verbal, had between those assuming to represent each of three higher institutions of learning; at any and all times in the past; we are soundly of the opinion that a failure to apportion the fund of \$100,000.00 for training high school teachers in the just and fair proportion which obtained by agreement with reference to all other items of appropriations (39% to Auburn, 39% to University, and 22% to Montevallo), is sufficient notification to Auburn, at least, that those who insist upon such unfair allotment no longer desire to maintain any workable understandings or agreements. We deprecate this beyond any possible means of expressions; but we are in no way responsible for the program

of inharmony which must inevitably follow. The Alabama Polytechnic Institute seeks no advantage of a sister institution. All we ask, and this we must demand and insist on, is equal and fair treatment.

5. And we recommend that this Board declare its purpose and plans to continue to do such work in teacher training and in other fields as it has been doing in the past and up to the present—amplifying and developing the various lines of work to meet the growing demands on the institution and as may be expected from the increased appropriation by the Legislature for this work, including training in work in administrative and supervisory fields and in the grades beyond normal school graduation—and that the Alabama Polytechnic Institute will continue to adhere to its purpose and plan not to interfere with the highest possible usefulness and work of the other higher institutions of learning; and so far as it may be permitted, to maintain an attitude of good will and a spirit of co-operation. But this great institution, as the pioneer institution of its kind in the South, must maintain its standard and ideals of the past, but continue to be progressive, must meet the demands made upon such colleges throughout the country, and must adjust its curricula from time to time to meet these requirements. For this we make no apologies and ask no permission. This is in no sense a challenge nor threat; it is a simple and frank declaration of duty and responsibility.

6. In order that the unbiased facts in relation to this unfortunate episode may be preserved, and that the friends of Auburn College and the people of Alabama may learn the truth, we have carefully read and considered a narrative statement of the entire matter prepared by President Dowell and the Executive Committee of the faculty of this institution, and we, as a committee, have requested that same be published in pamphlet form and furnished to those who may request copies of same.

**Keep the Alumnus on your mailing list and give us any information that would interest Auburn men. This would include outstanding achievements, honors, changes of address, news of marriages, births or deaths among the alumni everywhere.**

**Are you sure the alumni office has your correct address? If not, send it in. A complete file of all Auburn men is being gradually compiled.**



# THE MONTH ON THE CAMPUS

## SENIORS PLAN REUNIONS

EARLY in May the class of '28 passed a resolution to establish and maintain a definite system of class reunions. Plans are to stage the first reunion on Homecoming Day in 1931; succeeding reunions are to follow on the same day every fifth year thereafter. Election of officers will be in effect at each meeting and annual class dues are three dollars. Officers installed in the recent initiatory meeting are: W. H. Gregory, Jr., Florence, president; W. C. Hurt, Jr., Sylacauga, vice-president; T. H. Pearce, Clinton, Secretary-treasurer.

## SCABBARD & BLADE INITIATION

ON May 5 began the annual eventful occasion on the campus of initiating those elected to the Scabbard and Blade national honorary military fraternity. The event lasted throughout the day and the following evening.

The initiates were T. B. Shotts, Bexar; J. H. Salter, Opelika; W. W. Paterson, Montgomery; F. H. DuBose, Macon, Ga.; J. R. Taylor, Jr., Buffalo; M. D. Helms, Mobile; N. W. Geist, Brewton; T. R. Horne, Abbeville; R. G. Brownfield, Opelika; J. B. Merrill, Jr., Montgomery; C. R. DeArman, Birmingham; W. R. Kirkwood, Ensley; C. E. Smith, Birmingham; L. B. Hallman, Jr., Dothan; J. L. Burton, Waynesboro, Georgia; K. Nickerson, Siluria; L. Tamplin, Auburn; C. H. Booth, Phenix; A. F. McGhee, Jr., Macon, Georgia; R. E. Spann, Dothan.

## SENIORS ENJOY ANNUAL BANQUET

WEDNESDAY night, May 16, Hotel Clement at Opelika was the scene of a merry annual senior banquet, where the class of '28 met in its last social gathering as Auburn students. Enthusiastic speeches were rendered by Dr. Spright Dowell, Prof. B. L. Shi, Miss Zoe Dobbs, and Ben Sankey. Music was furnished by the college orchestra, led by Max Jones.

Officers of the class of '28, were Ben T. Sankey, Nauvoo, president; W. H. Gregory, Jr., Florence, vice-president; N. C. Wood, Jasper, secretary; R. P. Sitz, Attalla, treasurer; G. M. Coleman, Louisville, historian; L. A. Easterly, Jr., Hayneville, poet; R. B. Jones, Tuskegee, orator; O. C. Thigpen, Phoenix, prophet.

## PLAINSMAN BECOMES SEMI-WEEKLY

PLANS have been completed for the publishing of a semi-weekly Plainsman during the coming year. The paper will appear each Thursday and Sunday morning. This was made possible through the support of President-elect Knapp in securing additional funds for this purpose.

## SCARABS GO NATIONAL

WHAT is conceded to be one of the most outstanding events of the college year took place here May 21 when Omicron Delta Kappa, one of the foremost honor societies in the country installed the local Scarabs Senior Honor Society as a Circle of the national organization. This is the first Circle to be established in a technical institution.

The rating of Omicron Delta Kap-

pa is in the forefront of American college honor societies.

## SENIOR PROM BRILLIANT

UNDER the atmosphere of an amazingly attractive setting of splendid decorations, Auburn's senior prom this season was perhaps the most colorful dance ever staged here. Professors Wyatt and Snook of the architectural department had charge of the decorating program, the uniqueness of which has drawn more comment by far than any other seen on the campus.

More than 200 beautiful young ladies gathered here for this big spring event, representing thirty cities located in five different states. Splendid music, a close rival with the attractive decorations for high compliments, was furnished by the famous Weidemeyer orchestra of Huntington, W. Va.

## Auburn Repeats Military Honors

*For Ninth Consecutive Year R. O. T. C. Is Awarded Proficiency Rating*

For the ninth consecutive year the R. O. T. C. unit of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute has received the highest possible rating by the War Department. Announcement to the effect has been made by Maj. John T. Kennedy, head professor of military science and tactics, upon receipt of a letter by Pres. Spright Dowell, from Fourth Corps Area headquarters, Fort McPherson, Ga., stating that the Auburn unit is "proficient."

The letter was signed by Col. H. H. Tebbetts, adjutant general, and reads in part as follows: "I take pleasure in informing you that as a result of the recent inspection of your R. O. T. C. by a corps area board, of which Lt. H. C. Merriam, G. S., was president, your unit was pronounced proficient."

Such rating is made on the basis of the annual inspection conducted this year in March. General appearance and proficiency of the unit, quality of class room instructions in R. O. T. C. subjects and general conditions of all government equipment, including horses, are considered in this rating.

The War Department this year changed the method of selection of distinguished colleges by delegating the inspection to the corps area com-

mander. Inspection is made to determine proficiency or deficiency against the specifications set by the army regulations as those which operated in the past to class institutions as "distinguished."

Such recognition places Auburn among the leading institutions in the United States offering R. O. T. C. instruction.

During the 1919-20 session Auburn first won this rating while Maj. Isaac Spaulding was commandant. Later he was succeeded by Maj. John E. Hatch, who remained at Auburn four years. Under the command of Maj. John T. Kennedy, who succeeded him, Auburn has continued to receive this stamp of approval from the War Department.

Since 1872 Auburn has been one of the leading schools of the South in military instruction. Many graduates have gained distinction in the regular army, including Gen. Robert Lee Bullard, who was one of three officers to command an American army during the World War. Gen. R. E. Noble, of Anniston, an Auburn graduate of 1890, also gained distinction during the World War. At the gathering of alumni on Monday Alumni Day, Gen. Noble was elected president of the Alumni Association.

# Recent Books You Might Enjoy

By J. R. Rutland '00, Head Professor of English

## A ROMANCE IN COTTON

By Jack Bethea

New York, Houghton Mifflin Co.;  
1928 \$2.00

HERE is a book that it is a distinct pleasure to review. The first and most important reason why that is true is that here is an absorbingly interesting story almost certain to keep one continuously reading until the last page is reached. The second reason is probably not literary at all, but it is not beneath our notice. The book is an all-Alabama volume; the author is Jack Bethea, of Birmingham, now managing editor of the *Birmingham Post*, and the scene of the story is laid some thirty or forty miles from Selma, in the heart of the Black Belt. But one must not suggest by these words that the interest in the book should be entirely local. The novel has significance for wherever cotton is grown, for the whole of the South, and therefore, of course, for the entire country as well.

The novel has been given a very broad and ambitious title, *Cotton*. It does not attempt to give a fictionalized history of cotton-growing; but it cannot be said not to deserve the title for that reason. Against a background of a great cotton plantation moves a story that is intimately concerned with that great staple of the South. The motive force of the book is cotton; the fortunes of every character are bound up in it; every action gains its significance through its connection with cotton. Carefully the author has drawn out the drama of the crop, and shown how closely the lives and happiness of the people of the Black Belt are interwoven with this capricious product of the soil and human labor. The book deserves its broadly arresting title.

The story deals with the son of an unsuccessful tenant farmer on a great plantation. The son, Larry Maynard, after his graduation from Auburn, had become connected with a large cotton mill company, and had risen to a position of responsibility where he was able to use his great knowledge of cotton and cotton markets. He is sent by the mill to the Black Belt to carry out an experiment in scientific cotton-raising, warehousing, and marketing. He goes back to his old home, where he is at first regarded highly because

## SELECTED LIST OF RECENT BOOKS

Allen Tate's *Stonewall Jackson*. Minton, Balch and Co., \$3.50.

Kate Slaughter McKinney's *Palace of Silver*. Harold Vinal, New York.  
Hugh Walpole's *Wintersmoon*. Doubleday, Doran and Co., New York. \$2.00.

W. A. Drake's *Contemporary European Writers*. John Day, New York.

Count Carti's *The Rise of the House of Rothschild*. Cosmopolitan Book Company, New York, N. Y. \$5.00.

Barry, Iris. *Portrait of Lady Mary Montagu*. Bobbs Merrill, \$5.00.

Dreiser, Theodore. *A Gallery of Women*. Boni & Liveright. \$5.00.

Garnett, Edward, *Letters from Joseph Conrad*. Bobbs Merrill \$3.50.

Horn, Trader, *Further Adventures*. Simon & Schuster \$4.00.

Ludwig, Emil, *The Son of Man*. Boni & Liveright, \$3.00.

Nevins, Allen, *Fremont*. Harpers \$10.00.

Angell, Robert Cooley, *The Campus*. Appleton \$2.50.

Foerster, Norman, *American Criticism*. Houghton Mifflin \$3.50.

Feuchtwanger, Lion, *The Ugly Duchess*. Viking \$2.50.

Galsworthy, John, *Swan Song*, Scribners, \$2.50.

Green, Paul, *Wide Fields*. McBride \$2.50.

Hergesheimer, Joseph, *Quiet Cities*. Knopf \$2.50.

Lagerlof, Selma, *The General's Ring*. Doubleday, Doran \$2.00.

McCauley, Rose, *Daisy and Daphne*. Boni & Liveright \$2.50.

of his success. But his methods of handling the negro labor, his purchasing of supplies elsewhere than in the little town, and finally his activities in organizing a co-operative warehouse and cotton pool, arouse the animosity of the man who has practically "run" the county. This man, Captain Evan Shelby, the "villain" of the book, is able to destroy the confidence of the men in Maynard. But always supporting him, believing in him, is Mary Ruth Yates, the friend of his boyhood, and the present owner, with her mother, of the plantation Maynard has leased. He is really in love with her throughout the book, but because his father was "poor white trash" on that

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## THE COUNTERFEITERS

By Andre Gide

Alfred A. Knopf: 1927

*The Counterfeiters* is a novel in the modern manner; that is, it is an experiment, but one with a remarkable degree of finish. There are no rough edges in it; if one disapproves of the book, one has to do so on very fundamental issues indeed. It is not possible to say, "I do not like the plot," for there is, properly speaking, no plot whatsoever. There is only a pattern, one not formed by the mind of the author, but the pattern the flow of life imposes. It will be seen that this is a novel for serious reading, perhaps even for serious students of the novel; it can be said to serve a distinctly literary purpose. The reader who wishes to read as he runs ought to be warned away from this.

Yet I do not mean to imply that the ordinary intelligent reader will find nothing of interest in *The Counterfeiters*. On the contrary, he will find a gallery of portraits of individuals as real as he is likely to come across between the covers of a book. This is, no doubt the greatest value of Gide's novel, apart from the fact that it has had, and will continue to have, a great influence upon other novelists. Gide employs every device that older novelists have used, and invents many for himself, in an effort to make his characters as round and living as he can. We see them from all sides, from many different points of view, and in the end we know them as well as it is given to a reader to know a fictitious character in a book; and very often that is to know them far better than we know some of our so-called intimate friends.

This novel has more of the breath of reality about it than any that has recently appeared; but to say that it is realistic in method would be wholly wrong. No label that can easily be affixed will apply here. None is needed. One is grateful to the novelist for having provided such a generous list of characters and for having shown them to us in a manner completer than almost any other novelist would have used.—W. E. Bower.

Are you sure the alumni office has your correct address? If not, send it in. A complete file of all Auburn men is being gradually compiled.



# Letters From The Alumni

*The ALUMNUS will gladly print letters written by Auburn men on subjects relating to the college and the alumni. Such communications should be addressed to the editor and not over 200 words in length. Possibly this page may become sort of a forum of alumni opinion. Let us have a letter from you for the next issue.—Editor.*

FROM CHAS. J. NELSON, '97

I am enclosing herewith check for subscription to the Alumnus and for annual dues. I have your March number and have been greatly impressed with its excellence. Allow me to congratulate you on this excellent magazine.

I had hoped to get to Auburn this June, I note that your Alumni Day is May 21st. This lets me out as this college (Texas A. & M.) does not get out until June 5th. I hold the position of professor of military science and tactics and commandant of cadets here. We have fourteen army officers and a corps of one regiment of infantry, Bn. field artillery, Bn. signal corps, two flights of air service and a squadron of cavalry. Our enrollment this year has been 2,558. All boys here are in dormitories and under military discipline at all times. As the head of military department and responsible for the discipline I have quite a job.

Have noted with interest the recent changes at Auburn. I do hope you get back on the football map with teams as we have had in the past. Last fall I saw and had a long talk with J. W. Heisman, who was coaching Rice Institute, Houston, Texas. We discussed Auburn, of course, and the football teams of '95, '96, '97. We have an excellent athletic department here and a fine coach, Mr. D. X. Bible. I have never missed a practice or a game since I have been here. I am what you might call the morale coach. I exhort the boys before a game and between halves. We did well last fall winning the conference championship.

Please let me have a personal letter from you. When is commencement? Would like to know something of the old boys. Give my regards to Dr. Petrie and Dr. B. B. Ross. Best wishes for yourself personally.

Very respectfully.

A. & M. College of Texas,  
College Station, Texas,  
April 19, 1928.

FROM JAMES M. HUNNICUTT, '22

Dear Prof. Callan:

Thought I would drop you a little note, as the other night I dreamed I was back in school in one of your classes.

You will note the name above and also the enclosed card as partial evidence that I haven't gone to the bad and all your effort was not wasted. Some of the "stuff" took root and I wish that more had.

Have a boy almost seven months old weighing 20 pounds and three ounces. Will have him ready for you in about twenty years.

We have several large projects under way in this territory including an enormous medical building at the new Duke University; a twenty-two story building for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company at Winston Salem; eleven different grade elimination projects in Greensboro, N. C.; a large heating plant building for the new Duke University and I am working hard for a lot more.

Am going to hit the A. S. C. E. for an associate membership this year. Our chief engineer is with me.

When am I entitled to a C. E. degree or how do I get it?

Best regards to you and all the rest. Am going to try to get back some day. Looks like it's a hard thing to do.

Sincerely yours.

The Virginia Bridge and Iron Co.  
Charlotte, N. C.,  
Apr. 23, 1928.

This letter was written to Prof. J. A. C. Callan, head professor of civil engineering.

FROM J. D. FOY, '01

I enclose herewith cashier's check for \$5.00 and wish to take this opportunity to compliment you on the *Alumnus* you are getting out. I have enjoyed the last two issues and feel that to quite an extent it has been the means of awakening my interest in Auburn things. An active alumni association is of vital importance and I will pledge you my cooperation.

My father went to Auburn in the early days and I now have a son there and another coming along after he finishes.

Yours very sincerely.

The Bama Cigar Company,  
Dothan, Alabama.  
April 30, 1928.

FROM M. A. ASKEW, '11

I want to thank you for the promptness in which I have received "The Auburn Alumnus" and "The Plainsman." They are a very great source of pleasure for me in this far-away country.

Thanking you again, I am

Yours very truly.

Rio de Janerio, Brazil,  
Ave. Roi Branco 52.

FROM J. E. WIDEBERG, '21

I have just finished reading two copies of the Auburn Alumnus and I hasten to express my surprise and delight in finding that the association, and Auburn, in general, is making such rapid strides, and really "finding itself" again. I congratulate you on your fine accomplishment in producing this medium of heralding Auburn. Although I am just now in receipt of these two editions at this late date, I dare say there are many who have been brought back to Auburn in spirit thru the work of the Alumni Association in this respect. I trust the good work may continue to spread and the results are inevitable. Auburn will then have its rightful place in the sun, as it were.

I also note in the March issue an extract from the Plainsman in regard to our Auburn Club here in New York. Since our first meeting in March we have had our April meeting with an equal amount of pleasure and enthusiasm as the first. I am about to send out notices to seventeen Auburn men here whom we have for the new meeting which will be held at our regular meeting place on May 11.

As yet we have not elected officers but will do so at this next gathering. The spirit of our meetings is of the

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# EDITORIALS

**Alumni President Tersely Outlines Policy**

WHEN Gen. Robert E. Noble, '91, was asked by your secretary to write a brief word of greeting to the alumni, outlining his policy toward the work of the association for the coming year the following reply was received:

## TO THE AUBURN ALUMNI:

1. Auburn must have a promotion of harmony among all factions of the alumni, seeking to create a feeling that the past is dead and not to be resurrected.
2. The alumni must feel it their responsibility to work with the president of the institution for the benefit of Auburn.
3. The association should take definite steps to collect outstanding obligations due the alumni fund, using the money collected for the establishment of scholarships.
4. The policy already inaugurated of establishing alumni chapters in every county of the state and in cities outside the state where sufficient number of former Auburn men are located must be continued if the Association is to function.

I believe that athletics is a subject for college administration and not one for alumni interference. We have a president that every alumnus can support, and it is our duty to give him the support he has a right to expect and the duty of the alumni to render. Our aim should be, every alumnus for Auburn through the president of the institution.

R. E. NOBLE, '91  
President Alumni Association

**A Visit To The University**

YOUR SECRETARY had a most pleasant and informing visit to the University of Alabama on their alumni day, May 30. On the way up to Tuscaloosa, it was his good fortune to fall in with Judge Henry D. Clayton of Montgomery, who in turn introduced him to Mr. Robert E. Steiner, Jr., a member of the Board of Trustees of the University. It was a real pleasure to have met up with both these gentlemen and to have received courtesies at their hands.

Being new in the work as secretary of the Auburn Alumni, it was felt much value might accrue from a trip upon such an occasion as this. In this there was no mistake.

It was interesting to observe the remarkable layout of buildings erected with remarkable design and plan upon a beautiful campus bedecked here and there by many pretty shade trees and shrubbery of all kinds.

President George Denny graciously extended the secretary an invitation to the Alumni Banquet which was gladly accepted. Upon this

occasion there were gathered many of the prominent and loyal alumni from over the state. Miss Agnes Ellen Harris, formerly dean of women at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, now at the University, appeared to be happily in charge of affairs and easily made every one welcome at a most delightfully served banquet where President Denny, Hon. Hugh Morrow and others made short talks and many of the visiting guests were recognized. It was a happy occasion. Mr. Borden Burr of Birmingham especially added to the welcome and pleasure of the secretary.

**Doctor Dowell Goes To Mercer**

NOW THAT a period of eight active and progressive years have passed under the leadership and guidance of Dr. Spright Dowell, who soon leaves Auburn to assume his duties and responsibilities as president of Mercer University, it can be said that his labors here have resulted in the greatest era of progress and development in the history of the college. The institution is now well organized and so regulated that under the wise leadership of our new president it may continue to carry on and serve in great fashion the people of Alabama and the South.

In Doctor Dowell's going, his friends wish for him and his splendid family every happiness and prosperity possible in this new field of service.

**Auburn's Renaissance**

ALABAMIANS will read about what has happened at Auburn this commencement with the feeling that Gov. Graves described the situation aptly when he declared that the institution is upon the threshold of a new day—"all shadows are behind us and discord is forever gone."

A new spirit within the student body, a new attitude among the alumni, a new president at the helm, the assurance of ample fund, the launching of a fine building program, the re-dedication of the college to a balanced development of the resources of the state through the provision of sufficient technical leadership—these and other factors are the campus and throughout the commonwealth.

Particularly stirring is the possibility of renewed athletic relations between Auburn and the University. President Knapp is quite right in pointing out as a condition precedent to this competition the erection of a stadium at Auburn. If football, with its possibilities of irritation, is to be played by these state institutions, it seems to be wise to hold the contest on their campus. That is a wide spread trend in intercollegiate athletics which, under the



circumstances, has a peculiar merit in the case in point.

Not the least pleasant aspect of the recent celebration at Auburn was the splendid tribute paid to President Spright Dowell. He leaves crowned with honor and sustained by the consciousness that he has contributed memorably to Auburn's growth and greatness. He deserves the fine recognition which alumni and students conferred upon him, and he goes to his new duties as one who departs from the house of friends with the knowledge that he will always be welcome upon his return.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Grad of '92  
Loses Old Song  
But Sings Anew

THE FOLLOWING letter from Dean George Petrie explains the origin of the poetical communication he received at commencement from Louis P. Heyman, '92, of West Point, Georgia.

My dear Mr. Brown:

You have asked me to tell you something about the circumstances under which Mr. Heyman wrote the very clever verses which were read before the Auburn Alumni during the recent Commencement. The story is as follows:

Many alumni will recall Miss Iralee Whitaker, now Mrs. Benms, of West Point, Georgia. She is not only one of our best graduates, but also one of Auburn's most loyal supporters.

Last week she gave a dinner to the Alumni of the West Point district. I did not say a pink tea, or a stand up and spill it on you affair. No Sir. It was a regular sit down and fill up dinner. It was not at the Country Club, but in her own home, too.

There were some twenty Alumni and Alumnae there. Anecdotes and reminiscences came thick and fast, and we lived once again the delightful days of long ago.

At last I noticed a quiet, modest, baldheaded fellow at the far end of the table. Some called him Louis and finally someone called him Heyman. "Are you," I asked, "kin to the Heyman who was at Auburn in the early days of football when McKissick and other prehistoric giants lived?" "Which Heyman do you refer to," he said. "The Heyman who wrote Auburn's first college song," I replied. "I can recall the refrain now and can almost sing it:

"We're the Alabama boys who fear no harm;  
Give us a chance and we'll play ball"

He smiled in his modest way and said simply, "I am that Heyman."

What a flood of questions that started! How old faces flashed again before my eyes. Yet somehow he seemed unfamiliar. He had hair on his head in the old days and full whiskers on his chin, and a mustache. At my request he put one hand over the bald top of his face and the other over the lower half of it and I recognized him instantly.

"Won't you," said I, "send me a copy of that famous old song?" "If I can find it," he replied.

Monday's mail brought the following letter which I read at the annual meeting of the Auburn Alumni during Commencement. It is so

clever and attracted so much attention that you may care to publish it.

Yours very truly,  
George Petrie

May 24, 1928  
Dean George Petrie  
Auburn, Ala.  
Dear Dr. Petrie:

*From the attic to the basement I have hunted all day long,  
And am sorry, oh, so sorry! that I couldn't find that song.  
Perhaps you'll be forgiving and not let me get in "Dutch";  
For, really, Dr. Petrie, that song was not so much.  
The merit of my rhythm not in many miles approached  
The wonders of that football team, you marvelously  
coached.*

*'Twas the team work of our players got our rivals in a  
jam,*

*And not the singing of the song that day in Birmingham.  
Suppose we just forget the song and recollect the cheers  
That come aroaring down the path of five and thirty years.  
Let's think about McKissick with his ever ready "V",  
Frank Lupton with his signals, just as prompt as they  
should be;*

*The brilliant runs of Dorsey, and of old Shell Toomer, too;  
And don't forget the strong right arm of Seaborn Buckalew,*

*And Brown and Smith and Riggs and Lang and all those  
gallant "gents"*

*That made the Tuscaloosa team look just like "thirty  
cents".*

*Most any one can write a song. That's easy as can be.  
Tell Bohler, just to match that team of 1893!*

Sincerely yours,  
Louis P. Heyman, '92

West Point, Ga.  
May 20, 1928

### AND HERE IS THE REAL SONG

Mr. Heyman later found a copy of the old poem which was printed in *The Daily Advertiser*, Montgomery, Ala., Sunday, February 26, 1893, following the game with Alabama on Wednesday, February 22. Auburn won 32 to 22.

"Going up to Birmingham the Auburn boys sang their battle song of which the following is a copy:

*"See those men with spirits gay  
Just from Tuscaloosa-ia  
On their knees they'd better pray,  
Ta-ra-ra-ra boom-de-ay.*

*"Well they laugh before they play  
They could laugh no other way,  
Auburn's men will win the day  
Ta-ra-ra-ra boom-de-ay.*

*"See the floating colors bright,  
Blue and orange greet the sight  
Grace and beauty, honor, might,  
Give new courage for the fight.  
Ta-ra-ra-ra boom-de-ay.*

*"Oh the touch downs will be made  
Tuscaloosa in the shade,  
On the ground they will be laid  
When the little play is played.  
Ta-ra-ra-ra boom-de-ay.*

*"See the man a running so  
Never catch him, they're too slow,  
Past the goal line see him go  
Recollect we told you so."*

**Can anyone tell us who wrote this other early Auburn song?**

"We're the Alabama boys that fear no harm;  
Give us a chance and we'll play ball, etc."





# ATHLETICS



## AUBURN WINS BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

*Survey of Year's Athletics Show Good Standing Save in Football*

AUBURN RANKED one, two, three in her Spring athletic program which was concluded the 26th of May when the Plainsman baseball team was again awarded the Southern Conference championship for the season of 1928. A one-point margin, Ole Miss 31, Auburn 30, placed Auburn second in line for the premier honor in basketball at the annual Southern Conference basketball tournament in Atlanta. Auburn ranked third in track, accepting records made in the conference track meet in Birmingham. Louisiana State University won, with 43 1-2 points, Georgia

BY EMMETT SIZEMORE, '21

Tech was second with 34 1-2 points and Auburn third, scoring 33 3-4 points.

The Plainsman baseball team in winning their second consecutive championship for the Southern Conference territory that stretches from Maryland to Louisiana put what is perhaps the greatest baseball team on the field in the history of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Of a total of 26 games scheduled 20 were played. Fourteen games were won, four lost, two tied and six

rained out. The team emerged with a season percentage of .778. Judging from the games won, if those rained out had been played it would have boosted their stock to a more handsome figure yet.

A unique situation developed in Auburn championship claims this year. As they played their last game with the University of South Carolina, the Auburnites stood second for the conference crown but with the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech in training to battle each other for the coveted honor. But as the two Georgia teams went into the



### SOUTHERN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

To the two year champions Auburn! Here are the boys who composed Slick Moulton's 1928 Southern Conference baseball title winners, hailed by critics as one of the best college teams ever turned out in the South. As an example of the quality of the team seven of its members were signed to play professional ball immediately after the close of the season.

Seated in front is Beverly Biggin, mascot.

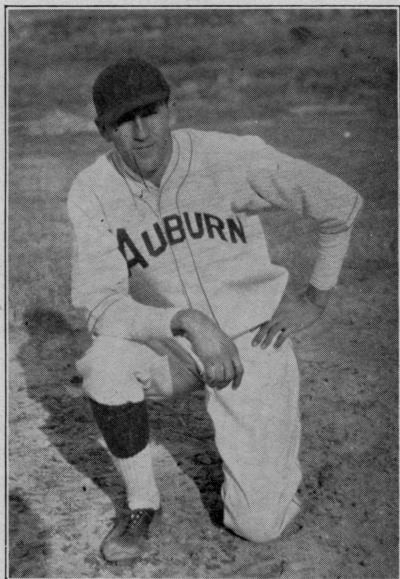
In the front row, from left to right are: Potter, pitcher; Currie, third base; Jones, outfield; Fob James, first base; Akin, left field; Crawford, right field; Gilchrist, third base; Coach Slick Moulton.

Second row, Alverson, catcher; Wright, catcher; Captain Ebb James, catcher; Taylor, outfield; Booth, catcher; Landstreet, pitcher; Ellis, centerfield; Stoutenborough, pitcher.

Back row: Sankey, shortstop; Hall, pitcher; Smith, second base; Wood, pitcher; Lee, pitcher; Ward, second base; McGhee, pitcher and Lester, shortstop.



fray, the honors were divided in such a manner as to leave the Auburn Tiger leading in the percentage column. News from the playing field in Atlanta, which was thickly populated by ardent student supporters has it that



COACH E. R. "SLICK" MOULTON

when the final batter had struck out and the umpire had called it a day, that the Red and Black followers harmonizing with the White and Gold of Georgia Tech, joined in one chorus to give 15 rahs for Auburn whose diamond squad had already folded their tents, turned in their togs and were waiting for the dawn of a new day.

#### *A Real Coach*

LET IT BE said here that Auburn has a real baseball coach. Russell "Slick" Moulton was at the helm in baseball this year and while he was considered more or less working out his apprentice as far as assuming the "head man" role, Moulton came with a conference championship his first year. Moulton is an ex-Auburn pitcher and then a couple of seasons pitching for the Hattiesburg Club of the Cotton State circuit, has especially fitted him for the coaching game. In addition to this he has an uncanny manner of dealing with his players that is calculated to do much in winning athletic contests. As the season came to a close he was presented with a handsome gold watch by the members of the team of 1928.

Auburn broke all previous records in sending players into the professional baseball circles this year. Eight members of the team graduating affixed their signatures to contracts this year. Gilchrist, third baseman, F. James, first base and Ellis, centerfield, went to Nashville, while

"Cush" Wood, Auburn's "old master" pitcher, and "Jelly" Akin are with the Mobile Club. Selma got E. James, catcher and captain and Ben Sankey, shortstop. Already Pat Moulton and Austin, ex-Auburn pitchers were with the Cloverleafs. Rube Alverson, relief catcher, signed with the Talladega Club of the Georgia-Alabama league.

#### *Wood Great Hurler*

Speaking of Wood, he is one of the best pitchers ever to wear an Auburn uniform. Last year he won eight and lost two, this year his winnings totalled seven to one loss. In addition he batted .334. Baseball experts predict for Wood service in the big tent later.

Captaining the team next year is Howard "Frosty" Smith, of Vernon, Ala. Smith led the hitting of the club with the neat percentage of .386—that is for the regulars who started the game every day. He is perhaps the record holder as being the most nonchalant and unassuming performer yet to wear the Orange and Blue varsity uniform. A safe hitter and if there is such a thing, the most lucky base-getter in college base-ball. Smith succeeded Captain Ebb James, of the famous James brothers, who finished their college athletic career this year. Frank Currie, third baseman of Atmore, Ala., was named alternate captain.

#### *One Series Lost*

Only one series was lost this

season. This went to Tech, Auburn losing two out of three games played. The Tech series came in the midst of a visit of the error jinx that camped in the Auburn stronghold for three games when the Tigers registered 21 errors from no apparent cause, except that they had been hitting the trail in a very grueling schedule for a number of games prior.

Four pitchers are left from this year's squad roster to report for the season next year. The list includes Stoutenborough, McGhee, Lee and Hall. From the freshman team three good prospects will be on hand—Harkins of Bessemer, Carter of Ozark and "Breezy" Winn, of Atlanta.

Coach Moulton has been re-elected by the Auburn athletic officials to have charge of the baseball training again next season.

Eight members of the team closed the season with a batting average of .300 or more. The list includes:

Lee, pitcher, .444; Smith, second baseman, .386; Crawford, rightfield, .385; Sankey, shortstop, .360; Akin, left field, .344; Wood, pitcher, .334; Booth, catcher, .320 and Ellis, centerfield, .300.

#### *Tough Cage Luck*

In basket ball the Tigers journeyed through "the valley of the shadow" to emerge from the conference tournament in Atlanta in the second money class—with a one-point margin keeping them out of the winning stretch.

Counting the games played in the  
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#### UNDEFEATED FRESHMEN—NINE WINS, ONE TIE

Top row, left to right, Dick Jones, manager; T. T. Brown, Sam Beherman, Mac Dreaden. Middle row, left to right, Coach Mike Papke, Howard Chapelle, M. Ross, C. Malone, Buck Carter, Dunnam Harkins. Bottom row, Frock Pate, G. Potter, S. DeRamus, Breezy Winn, Willie Tucker, Pete Harris.



# Coach Hutsell Reviews South's Olympic Chances

**WILBUR H. HUTSELL**, head track coach at Auburn for the past seven years, has recently been selected as the only Southern mentor of eleven track and field coaches for the 1928 American Olympic team which sails for Amsterdam, July 11.

Coach Hutsell trained W. O. "Weemie" Baskin, prospective Auburn representative in the 1928 Olympics. Beard and Snider of this year's squad, are other bright prospects emerging from his efficient training, who competed in the sectional Olympic tryouts held in Atlanta, June 2.

Coach Hutsell wrote the following article for the Associated Press.—Editor.

BY WILBUR H. HUTSELL

## Alabama Poly. and Olympic Coach

The South and Southwest have never contributed heavily to the ranks of the American Olympic teams in past years, but their prospects for representation in 1928 are brighter than ever before. Records of the outstanding athletes compare favorably with those of the East, Middle West and Pacific coast. At last year's National Collegiate meet, the South and Southwest won the broad jump, high hurdles and tied for first in the high jump.

### Four Good Sprinters

The four outstanding sprinters are Bracey, of Rice; Cummings, of Virginia; Currie, of Davidson and Cockrell, of Texas. Bracey, winner of the hundred in the Texas and Rice relays, has a record of 9.5. Cummings won the hundred in 10 flat at the Southern relays, defeating Elder, of Notre Dame, on a muddy track.

In the quarter-mile, Kontz, of Georgia Tech, with a record of 49 flat; O'Neal, of Texas A. & M. and Snider, of Alabama Poly, should break 49. Gess, of Kentucky, winner of the 1,000 yards in the Illinois relays, should have his own way in the half-mile, with a previous record of 1:55 in this event. Robinson, formerly of Mississippi A. & M. but now living in New York, had a successful indoor season.

Galen Elliott, of North Carolina, has run the mile in 4:18.8, and is the most outstanding distance man the South has produced. His only outdoor defeat in three years was by Ray Conger in the National Collegiate last year. Brunson of Rice and



### 1928 TRACK TEAM

Though Auburn's first defeat in a dual meet in seven years came this spring at the hands of Ga. Tech, the season's showing was very creditable, with the team finishing third in the Conference meet in Birmingham.

First row, left to right: Teague, Helms, Broughton, Tuxworth, Granger, Duncan; Second row: Upshaw, Robinson, Virgin, Snider, Tamplin, Beard; Third row: Coach W. H. Hutsell, Nageley, Willis, Creel, Bottoms, Marshall.

Hooper of Southern Methodist, have done better than 4:21. In the steeplechase, Spencer, former Mississippi A. & M. miler, but now with the Chicago A. A., is an outstanding contender. He was a member of the 1924 Olympic team, competing in the 1,500 meters. Young, University of Georgia sophomore, won the event sponsored by Georgia Tech in 1927 and 1928.

### Baskin Certain to Succeed

In the high hurdles, Weems Baskin, National and A. A. U. indoor champion, captain of the 1927 Alabama Poly team, and now with the New York A. C., has done 14.6. He was undefeated during the indoor season and seems certain to make the team. Flippin, of Virginia; Stallter, of Texas and Beard of Alabama Poly, are capable of 15 flat.

The University of Texas has developed two outstanding high jumpers. Haggard, who holds the American intercollegiate record of 6 feet, 7 1-4 inches, is in competition again this year, as is Shepherd, 6:5 1-2, co-holder of the National Collegiate championship.

Hamm, of Georgia Tech, is the greatest broad jumper the South has produced. He has never been de-

feated in collegiate competition and, like Baskin, appears a sure Olympic bet. He won at the Penn relays the past two years, and his Southern Conference record of 24:11 3-4 was the high water mark for college jumpers last year. This Spring he has cleared the near-world's record distance of 25 feet, 6 3-4 inches.

### Good Pole Vaulters

In the pole vault O'Dell, of Clemson, has cleared 13 feet 3-4 inches, and Cabiness, of Rice, opened the season with a mark of 13 feet even.

LeBauer, Virginia, shot putter, who won the National A. A. U. junior championship in 1926, has a record of 47 feet, 5 1-4 inches. Oelkers of Tulane, and Hargiss of Texas, will be his closest rivals in the sectional tryouts. Oelkers is credited with 49 feet in practice. Baldwin's record of 150 feet, 8 1-2 inches leads in the discus, although Taylor of Baylor; Lund, of V. P. I., and Nelson, of Louisiana State, can do 145 feet.

Each Olympic year has produced a high school boy who has entered competition as a dark horse to emerge a national figure. Ted Meredith, Lee Barnes and Frank Hussey are examples. Graydon, of the Little Rock,

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## BASKIN RETURNS TO CAMPUS FOR VISIT

**WEEMS BASKIN**, National high hurdle champ, hurdled into Auburn Monday afternoon May 14, from Birmingham where he ran the high hurdles in an exhibition meet Saturday afternoon with Jimmie Boyd, Star Georgia Tech hurdler.

Baskin appeared on Drake Field, along with Coach Wilbur Hutsell's track artists and went through his paces, incidentally doing the ninety yard highs in eleven and one tenth seconds, which is a neat lapse of time to make the highs in, according to Coach Hutsell, who held the stop watch.

The Gallopin' Georgian, is now with the New York Athletic Club, preparing for the Olympic tryouts July 5-6.

When Weemie was asked what he thought about Auburn's future he replied, "The Alumni of Auburn depart each year anxious to see Auburn put on top. They do their best to win prestige for their Alma Mater, but there is one thing that I have thought of quite a bit, even before I left here, and that is the prestige the school loses by going under three names. You would be surprised to know that the University gets quite a bit of praise that Auburn really deserves and which is her own. I realize that it is an old tradition to call the Alabama Polytechnic Institute Auburn, but when you stop to think that the public outside of the Southern Conference does not know where Auburn is and when you try to explain or even change the name of A. P. I. to Alabama Tech the general public jumps at a conclusion and gives the University the credit. I would suggest that Auburn go by the name Alabama State or Alabama Tech., and let us get the publicity and prestige that Auburn deserves."

Do you think Auburn is coming back? "I do. When I notice the good work that our basket ball, baseball, and track teams have been doing, there is no doubt in my mind that the Tigers are on the upward grade once more."

Do you miss Auburn since you have been in New York? "I surely do. Regardless of where you go after finishing school there is always a tender spot, a longing for the dear old plains. At times I have been so homesick for the ring of the eight o'clock bells, the whooping and hollowing, and the shirt tail parades that I would have given an unreasonable price to have walked down the streets and hollowed at the top of my voice, "War eagle! Eat

'em up Tiger! Give 'um hell, Auburn."

Ever see any other Auburn men up in New York? "Yes! The Auburn men in New York have a banquet each month. There are usually 15 or 20 present and we all have an enjoyable evening. Of course we 'sling a little bull', and talk about old times."

Baskin and his New York Athletic Club teammates, have been on the Clubs' training grounds at Travers Island. Weemie left Auburn on May 23, headed for Annapolis where he will be entered in the Navy's Spring Track Carnival.

The ex-Auburn star appears to be in fine fettle for his final training for Olympics and speaks in terms of high praise of his coaches and Athletic Club officials, as well as of the American athletes he has known who will try for a place on the coveted Olympic teams, in July.

## MIKE PAPKE RESIGNS AS BASKET-BALL COACH

**MIKE PAPKE**, for the past three years, head basketball coach, and assistant football coach has tendered his resignation to the Auburn athletic authorities, it became known here Tuesday, May 7. It is understood that the Tiger basketball mentor's resignation came as a result of failure to agree on the salary figure with the athletic officials. It is said that the resignation will become effective August 31.

Papke came to Auburn three years ago from Middleberry College, Vt., where he was a star in football, baseball, basketball and track. As a basketball coach he has had wonderful success with Plainsmen teams. His first year in 1926, his team won about fifty per cent of the games scheduled, with a better year in '27, when the Tiger cagers were victorious in fifteen out of nineteen starts.

Papke's banner year, came the past season, when he turned out the highest scoring basketball team in the United States, and won twenty out of twenty-two games, losing two games by one point each. Both of these games were Ole Miss, the first being on the local court and the latter the deciding game of the Southern Conference Basketball championship in Atlanta.

This season Papke's work as freshman baseball coach has been outstanding, having played nine games without a loss.

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## ATHLETIC SURVEY

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Southern Conference tourney, Auburn played twenty games, 17 of which were against conference foes, and three against non-conference teams. Auburn led the United States in scoring with a grand total of 959 points, to opponents' 564. "Jelly" Akin, forward, held the unique position of being the leading point getter of the entire country and his shots netted the Auburn score sheets nearly 400 points during the season.

One-point wins featured the season's games. On two occasions in the tournament, Auburn won by a single point margin. Once it was Auburn 25, Clemson 24, and again Auburn won a 29-28 victory over Georgia Tech. But it was Coach Homer Hazel's Ole Miss hardwood gang that profited by the "straight and narrow" paths leading down the one-point lanes. Once in Auburn they won 43 to 42, and again, with the championship in the very grasp of the Orange and Blue grapplers, the Ole Miss called on the fates to decree and the single point in a 31 to 30 game crowned them king of all. Frank DuBose, center, of Macon, Ga., will captain the 1929 cage team.

### Track Star Lost

In track, Wilbur Hutsell was minus the services of Weems Baskin, now great in track circles in America, and holder of the national hurdle championship. Despite the loss of the Carrolton youth, Hutsell again turned out a great team.

With sixteen conference teams scoring, Auburn copped third place, with L. S. U. taking first honors and

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## NEW ALUMNI HEAD

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Africa, May 4-December 3, 1920. Decorations: D. S. M.; Commander Legion of Honor (French). Member American Medical Association, American Public Health Association, Society Colonial Wars, Society of the Cincinnati, Phi Delta Theta and Army and Navy Club.

With an abundantly successful career as evidenced by his constant promotion and honors, it stands to reason that the Auburn Alumni may confidently expect the same splendid leadership attending his activities as president of the association. It is anticipated for General Noble that a ready response on the part of the alumni will be forthcoming wherever united and enthusiastic support is in demand from the association.

# News From The Local Chapters

## CONECUH ALUMNI CHAPTER HOLDS GOOD MEETING

BY G. O. DICKEY, '98

The meeting of the Auburn Alumni of Conecuh County, Alabama was held at Evergreen on the night of April 3. Coach Red Brown and Dr. J. V. Brown, Executive Secretary of Auburn Alumni Association, were present and made enthusiastic talks on the future possibilities for a greater Auburn and plans for placing Auburn back on the top of the pedestal, the position she so long occupied in the educational and athletic world of the south.

The Auburn Alumni of Conecuh County have been very active already but received new enthusiasm and resolved to exert greater efforts for Auburn than they have ever done before. A formal organization was perfected at this meeting and the following officers were elected, G. O. Dickey, President, P. R. Pettis, Secretary and C. A. Jones, Treasurer. All of the Auburn men in the county that were not present at this meeting have had themselves enrolled as members of the organization, and while we have been practically 100 per cent active for the past three years, we propose to show greater activity and support in the future. We are behind the new president, Dr. Bradford F. Knapp and Coach Bohler and will support them to the utmost limit in their work of the upbuilding of Auburn.

A delegation of our members attended the meeting of the Monroe County Auburn Alumni Association which was perfected at a meeting in Monroeville on the night of April 27th, which was a very enthusiastic meeting and this new association gives promises of being a great asset to our Alma Mater. A joint meeting of the Monroe County Association and Conecuh County Association was held at Evergreen, Friday night, May 11th at which time Dr. J. V. Brown and Coach Red Brown and other outstanding Auburn men were with us. Both these associations pledged themselves to be in Auburn on Alumni Day, May 21st.

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## EVERGREEN CHAPTER HAS GOOD MEETING

One of the most enthusiastic meetings of Auburn alumni to occur in the state in many years was held at the American Legion Hall in Evergreen Friday night, May 11th, when Auburn men from three counties, Conecuh, Escambia and Monroe, gathered for a genuine old time rally and "pep meeting." Many of the fellows who had not experienced a pulsation of the famous old Auburn spirit in almost a score of years, went away bubbling over with it. It was the unanimous opinion of those who attended that much had been accomplished toward reviving an interest in the institution among the alumni in this section.

The local chapter of the Auburn Alumni Association was host at a fish supper and smoker on this occasion. G. O. Dickey, president of the local chapter, presided at the meeting. Several speakers responded to the call of the chairman with interesting and inspirational talks, all voicing the opinion that the opportunity now confronts the alumni to do a greater service for their alma mater than ever before in its history.

The chief speaker of the evening was Dr. J. V. Brown, who is Executive secretary of the Auburn alumni and faculty chairman of athletics. He stated it was his candid opinion that the college has a great man of national prominence as its new president in Dr. Bradford Knapp. He predicted a period of unprecedented growth for the college in the years just ahead. In Coach Bohler he believes that Auburn will put winning teams on the field in every department of athletics.

The following persons were present: Dr. J. V. Brown, R. G. Arnold and T. A. Sims of Auburn; E. R. Chambless, Fox Howe and H. H. Williamson of Brewton; Miller Farish, G. L. Nettles, L. G. Pearson, J. A. York, S. S. Sowell and F. W. Hare of Monroeville; H. R. Bailey and M. H. Pearson of Montgomery; Clyde F. McLendon and J. D. Samford of Greenville; C. F. Carter Jr., Repton; G. O. Dickey, P. R. Pettus, R. F. Croom, H. S. Hagood, Paul Fisher, J. E. Robinson, W. P. McMillan, Glenn Mills, C. A. Jones and Claude Gantt of Evergreen.

## MRS. IRALEE BENNS, '09 ENTERTAINS ALUMNI

Mrs. Iralee Benns, '09, entertained the Chattahoochee Valley chapter of the Auburn Alumni association at a delightful banquet Friday night, May 18 at the home of her mother, Mrs. O. D. Whittaker in West Point, Ga.

Honor guests of the occasion were Dean George Petrie, Dean B. B. Ross, Dr. C. L. Hare, of the A. P. I. faculty, and S. L. Toomer, prominent Alumnus and one of the leading citizens of Auburn.

As president of the chapter, Mrs. Benns presided with grace and skill. A delightful course dinner was served, the tempting food reminding Dr. Ross of the Scotchman who found it necessary to wear a plaid vest, in order that he might keep a check on his appetite.

After doing justice to the delicious repast, an interesting program was enjoyed. Master Billie Benns welcomed the visitors in a splendid rendition of an appropriate Auburn poem.

The honor guests maintained their reputations as brilliant talkers, regaling the assemblage with many interesting incidents of the past and forecasting for Auburn the brighter day which is just beginning to dawn. Dean Ross and Dean Petrie were in their happiest veins. Dean Petrie characterized the meeting of the Chattahoochee chapter, as wonderfully delightful with the "Chat" in, and the "Hooch" out.

Supt. W. T. Harrison, of Shawmut, made a distinct hit with his splendid introduction of Dean Petrie. Other speakers were Dr. Hare, Mr. Toomer, Prof. Gerald D. Salter, of Shawmut, Prof. Sellers, of Langdale, Mr. Joe Herzfeld and Mr. Louis P. Heyman.

The Auburn colors, Orange and Blue, were shown in the beautiful floral decorations and throughout the menu. The attractive place cards, in the form of an orange colored Tiger with a big blue "A" were the artistic work of Mrs. Phil Hagedorn.

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# Notes From The Classes

1891

## DR. C. B. GLENN ELECTED ROTARY PRESIDENT

BIRMINGHAM Rotarians, who think it a "sin" to remain at their weekly luncheon a second longer than 2 p. m., may have to "remain after school," if they do not observe the rules of order, Dr. C. B. Glenn, superintendent of schools, warned them wednesday when he was inaugurated president.

Greeted by laughter and cheers, he further told them those who did not come to meetings on time would be punished, that school teachers did not tolerate tardiness, and that absences for most reasons were absolutely forbidden.

The nearly 200 members of the club received their warnings good naturedly and intimated they would allow the school superintendent to impose all the pedagogical methods he desired during the coming year.

Dr. Glenn was inaugurated, succeeding J. H. Eddy, of the Kaul Lumber Company, as the sixteenth president.

The above appeared recently in the Birmingham Post when Dr. C. B. Glenn, '91, was inaugurated president of the Rotary Club.

1897

"Col." Benjamin S. Patrick, Commandant at Auburn from 1898 to 1917, now holds a position with the Mutual Life Insurance Company, 635 Brown Marx Building, Birmingham. His home address is 704 Eighth Terrace.

George Wrigley is a prominent engineer at Greenville, S. C.

1898

G. O. Dickey is an attorney-at-law at Evergreen, Ala.

1900

Luther Noble Duncan was well represented on the Auburn track team this year in his son, Robert S. "Buster" Duncan, who was alternate-captain and graduated this year in Agriculture.

1901

Salmon Holmes Burns holds a position with United States Bond & Mortgage Company, Birmingham.

1904

Albert Thomas, Jr., who appears in the picture as "Dick Whittington



Shop and responsible for the erection of the new \$50,000 theatre by the Thomas Estate.

1905

John V. Denson has been elected president of the Opelika Rotary club for the year 1928-29. Forney Renfro is Sergeant-At-Arms.

John V. Denson is a prominent Alabama lawyer, his offices being located in Opelika, Ala. After receiving his B. S. and M. S. degrees at Auburn in '05, and '06, he received the LL.B. degree from the University of Alabama in 1908.

Josiah Flournoy is vice-president and treasurer of the Flournoy Realty Company, located at Columbus, Ga. His residential address is 1209 Broadway, Columbus, Ga.

1906

Mell A. Frazer gives his address as 958 Government St., Mobile, Ala. He is holder of a B. S. and an M. S. degree from Auburn and also an LL.B. from the University of Alabama, year '13.

1907

Newton A. Burgess is a patent lawyer with the firm Gifford & Scull, located at 141 Broadway, New York City. In addition to his B. S. degree from Auburn, he holds an LL.B. degree from the National University, Washington, D. C., and an M. P. L. degree from George Washington University during the years 1911 and 12, respectively.

Frank B. Rutledge is a druggist of Demopolis, Ala. His residential address is 101 Washington St.

Homer Wright owns and operates the Wright Drug Store at Auburn. He needs no introduction to Auburn men. The three children appearing in the picture are Homer,

with his cat," is the four year old son of A. L. Thomas, who is professor of engineering drawing at the Ala. Poly. Inst., and who is a prominent citizen of Auburn, being proprietor of the Student Supply

Jr., age 7, Ada, age one, and Catherine, age 3.

1908

Orrin Brown is assistant cashier for the National Bank of Opelika, Opelika, Ala.

Robert E. Hodnette is principal of the Escambia County High School, located at Atmore, Ala.

Carl D. Pace is a contractor located at Oxford, Ala.

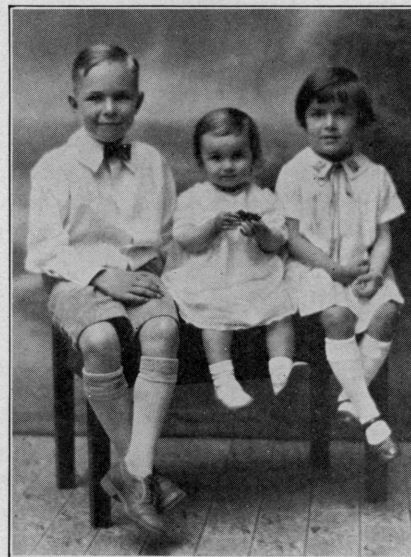
1909

C. R. Kuchins is vice-president of the First National Bank in Bessemer, Ala.

Gordon Schley is president of the Barlow-Gordy Construction Company, Columbus, Ga. He gives his address as P. O. Box 614.

George E. Clower is president of the firm, Clower & Samford, Insurance Company, Inc., Opelika, Ala.

J. B. Holman, Jr. is an attorney-at-law, Anniston, Alabama. After receiving the B. S. degree at Auburn he later received the LL.B. degree from the University of Alabama.



HOMER WRIGHT '07 IS JUSTLY PROUD OF THIS TRIO

1909

One of the most popular Auburn graduates is Benjamin Edward Harris—the grad in the accompanying photograph with his two children Kathryn and Edward. His home is in Montgomery where he is serving as State Supervisor of Trade and Industrial Education for Alabama, a position he has held since 1920.

"Rabbit" Harris, as he is commonly known to classmates and old Auburn students, entered Auburn in 1905. In 1909 he received the B. S. degree in Mechanical Engineering and returned the following year to obtain an M. E. degree. Since graduation he has held a number of prominent positions in the education field.

Mr. Harris created for himself a splendid record during his college career. He was a star in all sports, being recorded as Auburn's only four-letter man in the history of the institution. He was also a thorough scholar, gaining high scholastic recognition and notable student esteem.

1910

John Blake is county demonstration agent located at Selma, Ala. His local address is 713 Abbott St.

Thos. H. Edwards is a civil engineer in Montgomery County. He gives his address as Box 160, Montgomery, Ala.

1911

W. W. Boyd is located at Calle Aguir 71, Dpo 401, Havana, Cuba.

L. P. Fort, former member of Auburn football team, holds a position with Fort Drug Company, Spring Street, Avondale, Birmingham.

Jamest L. Henderson is representative for McWane Pipe Company at Los Angeles, California.

1913

Rex Mathews and his family visited in Auburn during the week of May 17. He is in the clothing business at Sylacauga, Alabama.

1914

Marcus Williams Crenshaw holds a position with the Banks Miller Supply Company, Huntington, West Va.

Arvey Carnes is now engaged as professor of Agricultural Engineering at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

James S. Gaskell is located at Pensacola, Florida, care of the Isis Drug Store.

1917

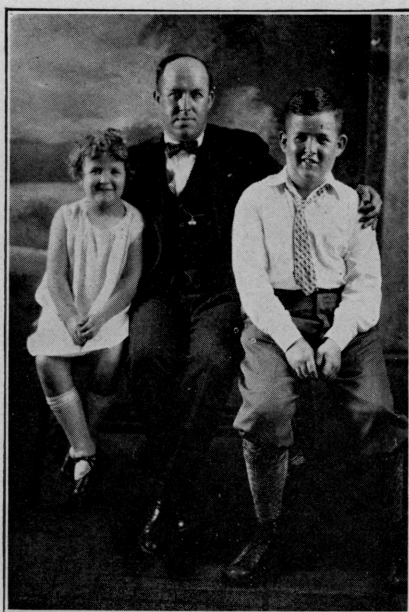
H. M. Boyd gives his present address as 1056 Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. H. E. McNamara gives his address as 509-10 Lyric Building, Birmingham, Alabama.

#### E. L. DEAL IS NEW ROTARY GOVERNOR

Information has reached Auburn that E. L. Deal, county agent for Lauderdale county with headquarters at Florence, is the new district Rotary governor for Alabama and a portion of Florida. He was nominated at the recent meeting at Anniston and nomination is equivalent to election.

Mr. Deal came to Auburn from Tuscaloosa County and graduated with the class of 1917, taking agri-



"RABBIT" HARRIS '09 AND COMPANY

culture. Soon after graduation he enlisted in the army and rose to the rank of captain. He saw active service abroad. At the close of the war he returned to Alabama and soon became county agent in Colbert County. He remained in that county until J. T. High, who was then county agent, for Lauderdale County, was promoted to district agent, at which time Mr. Deal was asked to take up the work in Lauderdale.

In college Mr. Deal was a leader of his class, serving in different official capacities, and was active in student affairs.

His recent election confers upon him the highest honor which the Rotarians of Alabama can give. He succeeds W. M. Merrill of Eufaula.

1918

Geo. L. Burleson is located at Plaquemine, La.

T. A. Sims is now State Club Leader, with headquarters at Auburn. He is commonly known to classmates and extension workers at "Daddy" Sims.

1919

R. C. Bradford renders his location as Centre, Ala.

E. R. Chambliss gives his present address as Brewton, Ala.

G. E. Lumpkin holds a position with the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, Birmingham.

E. A. Phillips is engaged with the Veterans Bureau, Birmingham, Ala.

L. L. Self is now serving as County Demonstration Agent with headquarters at Gadsden, Ala.

H. C. Snellgrove is located at Boaz, Alabama.

L. E. Tisdale holds a position with the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station located at Wooster, Ohio.

1920

C. H. Beddingfield is located at Auburn, Ala.

Oma W. Bridges gives his present address as Stephenville, Texas.

Geo. L. Foster is located at Athletic Club, Dallas, Texas.

Jas. C. Foster holds a position with the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.

Robert C. Gaines is now with the Delta Laboratory at Tallulah, La.

George B. Hawthorne gives his present address as 1127 College Street, Bainbridge, Ga.

T. F. Kendrick is located at 732 Selma Ave., Selma, Ala.

R. L. Martin is living at Bessemer, Ala.

1920

J. P. Trotter, chief assistant bridge engineer for the State Highway Department, has resigned effective May 15, to accept appointment as bridge engineer for Mobile County.

Mr. Trotter, who is a native Alabamian, went to the Highway Department eight years ago immediately after his graduation from Auburn. He was first employed as draughtsman, but steadily worked his way up from that position, through promotion after promotion until he became first assistant bridge engineer which position he has held for several years.

H. S. Simpson is located at Snow Hill, Ala.

Walter A. Whatley is living at Pennsboro, W. Va.

1921

A. D. Boyd gives his present address as Box 273, Colon, Panama.

Albert H. Collins is now at Ramer, Ala.

Paul Creel gives his address as P. O. Box 492, Sylacauga, Ala.

Samuel C. Cook is located at Camden, Ala.

Dr. L. L. English, whose recent wedding took place in Ensley, Alabama, is now located in the Chamber of Commerce Building, Mobile, Ala. He has recently completed a fellowship given him by the Crop Protective Institute at the Iowa State College, although he did most of his required work at the Univ. of Illinois.

Lee W. Handley gives his address as Lineville, Ala.

Joe W. Malone is located at Notasulga, Ala. engaged as vocational agriculture teacher.

James Byrd Pilcher, of Dothan, has successfully passed the civil service examination for U. S. consul service abroad, according to information received from Washington.

A. Dalton Roberts is located at



Wiley, Colo.

Grover W. Ray is residing at Ozark, Ala.

L. R. Rayfield is principal of the high school at Sipsey, Alabama.

Ernest G. Small is located at Selma, Ala.

W. A. Stephenson gives his present address as 702 Carter Bldg., Houston, Texas.

John L. Whatley is located at Opelika, Ala.

Vester V. Williams is at Tallulah, La.

E. Everette Wilkinson is located at Allen, Ala.

#### 1922

Prof. J. A. C. Callan has received the following announcement: "The Virginia Bridge & Iron Company announces the appointment of James M. Hunnicutt as contracting engineer in charge of its office at Charlotte, North Carolina, 404 Builders Bldg., Roanoke, Va., Feb. 15, 1928." Professor Callan states that Mr. Hunnicutt was one of the outstanding members of his class and that he felt the appointment was well deserved.

J. Kenneth Kirkwood is located at Gold Hill, Ala.

James D. Lawrence holds a position with the DuPont Powder Company, Birmingham, Ala.

H. D. Melton gives his present address as Atmore, Ala.

R. H. McGinty is teaching vocational agriculture in the high school at Camp Hill, Alabama.

Leslie Newnan who has been teaching in the high school in Louisville, Ky., and also completing his requirements for the Th.D. from the Baptist Seminary there, has been ill since December 10. He is now at his home in Opelika convalescing.

J. P. Robinson gives his present address as Marion, Ala.

O. E. Waller is coaching in the high school at Leroy, Alabama.

Thos. H. Benton gives his address as 505 Carolina St., Amarillo, Texas.

James E. Bridges is located at Notasulga, Ala.

Elbert H. Caldwell is at Baltimore, Md. He may be reached at John Hopkins University, where he is completing medical training.

John W. Ford, Jr., gives his present address as 604 Fayette Bank, Lexington, Ky.

Rufus B. Godwin is at present located at Americus, Georgia.

Wm. H. Kendrick, ex-'23, is located at Marion Junction, Ala.

Ira L. Knox holds a position with the Alabama Power Company, Birmingham, Ala.

James L. Lawson gives his present address as Greensboro, Ala.

B. L. March is at present in Anniston, Ala.

Herbert M. Melvin is located at Paso Robles, California.



H. W. Nixon holds a position with the Chemistry department at Auburn. William McKinley (Billy, age 18 months, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nixon. He is shown here dressed for the day's work.

Wm. M. Owens is located at Marion, Alabama.

Wm. M. Pistole is now at Talladega, Alabama.

Theodore H. Pfeil is located at Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Raymond M. Reaves is at Pell City, Alabama.

E. P. Riggs, ex-'23, is located at Selma, Ala.

Ernest Franklin Randall gives his present address as 310 Graham Building, Jacksonville, Florida.

T. A. Treadwell is the principal of the Aucilla, Fla. High School and a professor of vocational agriculture.

W. K. Upchurch is chief engineer with the A. C. Samford Contractors, and his address is Box 812, Montgomery, Ala. He was next to the lowest bidder for the construction of the new Baptist church at Auburn recently.

W. P. Whitlock is teaching vocational agriculture in the high school at Haleyville.

Emil F. Wright, ex-'23, holds a position of assistant cashier with the Bank of Auburn, Ala.

C. P. Boyd is located at 8575 Y. M. C. A., St. Louis, Mo.

#### 1924

J. E. McLean, holds a position with the Division of Education at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of South Carolina, Central, S. C.

Henry W. Sweet gives his address as 1830 Arlington Ave., Bessemer, Ala.

J. C. Sellers is now at Midland City, Ala.

#### 1925

Fred P. Baker, ex-'25 is located at Standing Rock, Ala.

J. P. Creel is serving in the capacity of high school principal at Sylacauga, Alabama.

James B. Cox, ex-'25 gives his present address as Pine Hill, Ala.

Paul Crain is located at Lamison, Alabama.

J. C. Gaines, Jr., gives his present address at College Station, Texas.

J. B. Hines, ex-'25, is teaching science and history in Sylacauga, Alabama.

Wm. M. Parks, ex-'25 is located at Fayetteville, Alabama.

Clyde A. Pruitt is athletic coach in the high school at Notasulga, Ala.

Earl T. Whatley is at Ramer, Ala.

Ira Greenhill

holds a position with the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company in Birmingham.

The young lady in the new Easter bonnet is celebrating her first

Easter with a joy ride. Her

name is Peggy Jen, age nine months, and she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Greenhill.



#### 1926

Roy J. Akin is located at 201 Clayton Street, Montgomery, Alabama.

Loren L. Aldridge gives his present address as Route 5, Bessemer, Ala.

H. R. Brown is the athletic coach and professor of manual arts at the High School at York, Ala.

Mildred Cheshire is teaching history at Leroy, Ala.

Charles S. Carter, ex-'26, gives his present address as Ramer.

J. M. Esslinger is principal of the high school at Ward, Ala.

Thos. M. Fay, ex-'26, is located at Prattville, Ala.

R. R. Hunt, is principal of the high school at Leroy, Ala.

John E. Granger, ex-'26, gives his present address as Bessemer, Ala.

Murray Holliman gives his address as 2205 First Ave., Ensley, Ala.

W. S. Perry, ex-'26 is located at Selma, Ala.

J. W. Phillips, ex-'26 is located at Lineville, Ala.

R. M. Rountree, Jr., a popular member of his class who finished in Secondary Education is at Selma, Ala.

George Kilgore is principal of the high school at Dora, Ala.

Joseph Palmer is teaching science in the high school at Millry, Ala.

John Tucker Harris, ex-'26, is located at Opelika, Ala.

J. B. Williams will receive the C. E. degree from the University of Georgia during the commencement exercises in Athens and will this sum-

mer attend school at Columbia. Following summer school, he plans to enter business with his father, E. M. Williams, at Monroe, Georgia.

1927

H. M. Crane is principal of the high school at Millry, Alabama.

Ruby Russelle is teaching vocational economics in the high school at Mumford, Ala.

Joe H. Hixon, a graduate in agriculture, is now employed at Banks, Ala.

Carney Hughes is teaching vocational agriculture at Vina, Ala.

James M. Herren is in the employ of the Alabama Power Company, located at Tallassee, Ala.

Lacey Huey gives his present address as Route No. 1 Bessemer, Ala.

Frank W. Gullledge is located at Tallassee, Ala.

T. C. Marriott, Jr., ex-'27 gives his present address as 110 S. Catherine St., Mobile, Ala.

David J. Mims, ex-'27, gives his location as Birmingham, Ala., Route 1.

Holt A. Pitts is coaching in the high school at Camden.

Velma Ward is teaching math at Camden High School, Camden.

Miles E. Stephens is located at Atalla, Ala.

Herman V. Salter gives his present address as Route No. 1, Bessemer, Ala.

Joseph Palmer gives his present address as Millry, Alabama.

G. B. Phillips, '27, is county agent located at Wedowee, Alabama.

W. H. Phipps, '27, is located at Baltimore, Maryland.

W. G. Pruett, '27, is with the Dixie Construction Company, Tallassee.

W. H. Purser, '27, is teaching vocational agriculture at the high school, Andalusia, Alabama, Route No. E.

Dan L. Sharits, is working with the American Cast Iron Pipe Company, Birmingham, Ala.

F. A. Smith, B. S., '27, is a salesman for the Armco Culverts Company, with headquarters at Montgomery, Ala.

C. W. "Red" Roberts, B. S., '27, is taking the student course with the General Electric Company, Lynn, Mass.

J. E. Robinson, ex-'27, is teaching science and coaching athletics in the Secondary Agricultural school at Evergreen, Alabama.

J. C. Sellers, '27, is teaching vocational agriculture in the High School at Midland City, Alabama.

C. J. Snook, '27, is an instructor in the department of architecture at Auburn.

Miss Mary Stodgill, '27, is teach-

ing home economics in the high school located at 1311-18th. Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama.

W. R. Waugh, '27, holds a position with the Dixie Construction Company, at Tallassee.

D. S. Wilson, ex-'27, gives his address as Thomaston, Ga.

S. R. Long is coaching at Wadley, Ala. "Shorty" has taken the fatal leap since graduating and now it is Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Long.

Misc.

Roger Allen, former professor of chemistry at Howard College is now at Columbia University.

R. G. Carter is teaching in the high school at Daviston, Alabama.

W. L. Ewing is located at 610 Lamar Building, Augusta, Georgia.

E. C. Ewing is located at 408 Broad Street, Gadsden, Alabama.

C. E. Feagin, who was one time member of Auburn football team, gives his address as Jefferson Woodworking Company, First Avenue, North, Birmingham.

Lacey Huey is teaching vocational agriculture at the high school at Pine Hill.

DuPont Guerry gives his present address as Greenville, S. C.

S. W. Harris is representing McWane Pipe Company, Chicago, Ill.

C. W. Matthews is teaching in the high school at Camp Hill.

R. L. McDaniel is studying medicine in the Medical College in Memphis, Tennessee. His local address is 1007 Monroe Ave.

C. E. Newman is principal of the Hackneyville High School, Route 1, Goodwater, Alabama.

W. D. Thomason gives his present address as Enterprise, Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. Thomason have a young daughter born last October.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

G. H. Wright of Auburn and Miss Louise Matthews of Hackleburg, Ala., more recently of Montgomery, were married last September 10, 1927. "Monk" holds the position of cashier for the First National Bank of Auburn, Ala. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are making Auburn their home.

1922

LEBRON-McINTOSH—Mr. L. C. LeBron '20 and Miss Jennie McIntosh of Tallahassee, Fla., more recently of Auburn, Ala., were married on June 12 at Tallahassee, Fla.

1922

WILSON-RODGERS—Dr. and Mrs. William T. Rogers of Luverne, announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Margaret to Earle Frederick Wilson of Brewton. The wedding will take place in June.

ROBERTS-MILLER—Mr. and Mrs.

Columbus Roberts, of Columbus, announce the engagement of their daughter, Evelyn to Dr. Jesse Lokey Miller '22, the marriage to be solemnized June 2.

Ex-'22

WOOD-GANTT—Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Wood, of Andalusia, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Aldine, to Donald Broughton Gantt, ex-'22, of Gantt. The wedding will take place the latter part of June.

Ex-'24

ROSS-DINKINS—Mr. and Mrs. William Chappel Ross, of Opelika, Alabama announce the engagement of their daughter, Clara Elosie, to John Neal Dinkins ex-'24, of Selma, Ala. The wedding will be in June.

1927

CARTER-CARROLL—Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Carroll of Opelika announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Clyde to Albert Carl Carter '27, of Birmingham. The wedding will take place in June.

McADORY—DEBARDELEBEN

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kennon McAdory in Montgomery, Ala. was the scene of a pretty wedding Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock when their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, became the lovely bride of Mr. Warren DeBardeleben, Jr.

The wedding was a lovely home affair, with only intimate friends and relatives as guests on this occasion. Miss Maxine Pepperman was the attractive maid of honor.

During the days preceding the wedding Miss McAdory was extensively entertained.

Tuesday evening following the rehearsal for the wedding, Mrs. Jack Sharman and Mrs. W. L. Rogers entertained at a buffet supper honoring the young couple and their attendants.

#### BIRTH

1923

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knowles, a daughter, March 28, 1928, Highland Terrace, Birmingham, Ala.

#### WEDDINGS

Tuesday at 1:30 o'clock at the Christian Church in Plantersville, Ala., Miss Mildred Keahey became the bride of Mr. Edward Mitchell Harkins, amid an impressive setting. The Rev. E. M. Lee, pastor of this church, read the marriage vows.

The church was artistically decorated with roses, sweet peas and Southern smilax. Tall standards of white roses and peonies interspersed the conventional background of greenery. White satin ribbon with bunches of valley lilies marked the pews for the families and relatives.



The bridesmaids, who were Miss Evelyn Martin, Miss Edna Gass, Miss Edith Carter, Miss Lorena Parrot and Miss Vertie Mae Helms, wore gowns of pastel shades of chiffon with picture hats to harmonize. Their flowerers were arm bouquets of pink sweet peas and snapdragons.

Mrs. Ausley Pratt served as matron of honor. She wore a frock of peach chiffon and carried cerise roses. Miss Doris Martin, maid of honor, was in a lovely white chiffon frock with bouquet of pink roses and sweet peas. Helen Martin, niece of the bride, served as flower girl.

Ausley Pratt served Mr. Harkins as best man, while the groomsmen included David Mims, Jr., Donald Johnson, of Birmingham, Young Hayes and Leo Langston.

The bride was lovely in a blue ensemble of crepe Elizabeth with accessories to match. The birdal bouquet was of sweetheart roses and valley lilies.

The bride and groom left immediately following the ceremony for a short wedding trip, and upon their return will be at home with the groom's parents.

Mr. Harkins is a graduate of Ala. Poly. Inst. and has been director of athletics at Bibb County High School for several years. The bride is the lovely sister of Mrs. T. M. Martin, of Plantersville, and is a graduate of Montevallo College.

## ALUMNI LETTERS

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same old Auburn quality and also quantity, and I can assure you it is a great pleasure to sit down with a group of old Auburn men and hash over the classmates and the good times. Accounts in the Auburn Alumnus indicates that several Alumni Associations are being organized in various parts of the country and with the interest shown in this publication I have no doubt but that Auburn men will soon be joined together into a strong band working for the betterment of our Alma Mater, and likewise a great fraternity that will be a benefit and honor to all. Although we are seemingly a great distance from Auburn the feeling for the old school is still with us and our only regrets are that the distance keeps us away too much. It seems one doesn't appreciate a thing until you are away from it, and there is a lot of truth in that.

I just wanted to drop you these few lines while I am in the mood, and trust that your success with this publication and the reorganization

of the Alumni in general will continue. May the good work go on.

Sincerely yours.

Architect & Builder,  
594 East 134th St.,  
New York City.

FROM J. E. D. SHIPP, '79

Dear Prof. Rutland:

Your letter of April 20th to Americus Book Co., has been turned over to me for answer. I own this little company and we are trying to publish and reprint a number of best southern books. We have reprinted two of the best books of humor of Alabama. "Flush Times of Ala." and "Adventures of Simon Suggs." Only a few of "Simon Suggs" are reprinted because there was not as much demand for it as there was for "Flush Times of Alabama." We sell them both at Two Dollars (\$2.00) each. We are sending you our catalogue. The Americus Book Co., especially caters to college libraries. We are trying to get together and propagate the very best of southern literature. Our trade is very largely with college libraries all over the country.

It does not seem a long time since 1879 when old Dr. Tichenor handed me my diploma with my A. B. degree. And old Prof. O. D. Smith put his hand on my shoulder and told my father, who was present on the stage, that I was his boy. No one will ever know with what veneration I held Prof. Stubbs, Dunklin and Smith. Et hoc genus omne. I shall always cherish an abiding love for our old Alma Mater.

With greatest assurances of regard,  
I am,

Very sincerely yours

Americus, Ga.

April 24, 1928.

P. S. I had a letter a few days since from the widow of dear old Prof. Stubbs. She has written several good historical genealogies that are paying her very well. We are selling them for her, as you will see in our catalogue. This good old lady is always inquiring about dear old Auburn.

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## NEWS FROM CHAPTERS

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### MONROE COUNTY CHAPTER PROMISING ORGANIZATION

The Monroe County Chapter of Auburn Alumni was organized with an enthusiastic meeting at the Commercial Hotel, Atmore, on Friday evening, April 27, twenty-two members being enrolled.

A splendid banquet was served on the occasion and J. B. Barnett, presided as toastmaster. Talks were made by Messrs. G. O. Dickey, Charlie Jones, G. R. Farnham, and P. R. Pettus, visitors from Evergreen; F. W. Hare, Geo. Yarbrough, Turner Ivey, Dr. Shelton Dunn, Dr. Dan Nettles, L. G. Pearson and others.

F. W. Hare was elected president of the local chapter, Geo. Yarbrough, vice-president; Miss Millicent Best, secretary and J. B. Barnett, Treasurer.

In addition the following graduates and students of the institution were present: D. R. Nettles, J. B. Barnett, E. T. Lee, George Lee Nettles, Miller Farish, Dr. Shelton Dunn, J. O. Simmons, Alvin Simmons, Dr. W. H. Hines, Karl Lazenby, L. G. Pearson, Buster Stallworth and A. P. Woodfin.

The Monroe County chapter is one of the most promising organized within the last year.

### CLEMSON BUILDING NAMED FOR W. M. RIGGS '92

Dedication of a \$250,000 five story engineering building at Clemson College S. C., on June 4, took place in honor of the late Dr. Walter Merritt Riggs, '93, president of that institution from 1911 until his death in 1924. Dean J. J. Wilmore, Dr. B. B. Ross and Dr. E. R. Miller of the faculty and S. L. Toomer of Auburn attended the exercises. Dexter S. Kimball, dean of the School of Engineering at Cornell University, and a notable engineer, delivered the dedicatory address. The building will be known as Riggs Engineering Building.

Doctor Riggs received his B. S. degree in electrical and mechanical engineering at Auburn in 1893 and his M. E. in 1894. He served as instructor here immediately after graduation. Later he attained numerous honors in the educational field and finally serving as president of Clemson Agricultural College.

Doctor Riggs married Miss Marie Louise Moore of Auburn, December 22, 1897. He was listed in "Who's Who."

He will be remembered by the older graduates as a prominent football player on Auburn's early teams.

## ALUMNI DAY

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bama, when conditions permit, stating that the erection of a stadium on the Auburn campus would make the games a home and home arrangement and that this would go a long way in solving difficulties encountered in the past. It is his belief that students in the position of either guests or visitors will be much less likely to commit the unseemly conduct as heretofore.

Dr. Knapp also stated that he believed in the very near future Auburn should provide an adequate auditorium with a seating capacity of at least 5,000. He favors conditions that will allow the entire student body to be gathered together at frequent intervals. Paved roads connecting Auburn with all sections of the state is another very important need of the college at this time, stated Dr. Knapp.

At the regular annual business meeting which followed the address of President Knapp, the following actions were taken by the association as shown by the minutes:

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALUMNI MEETING HELD AT LANGDON HALL, MAY 21, 1928

Meeting was called to order by the retiring president, Judge Wm. H. Samford, with over 700 in attendance from over the state of Alabama and other Southern states. President Samford tendered his resignation which was accepted. Motion was made by Judge Samford that a new president be elected and that such president, in conjunction with the president of the college have full power to appoint an executive secretary. Motion carried.

On nomination, General R. E. Noble, '90, of Anniston was unanimously elected as the new president of the association for the next term, no other nomination being made. He accepted the office and pledged his best efforts to the association.

Motion was made that the association, with the president, executive committee and executive secretary, continue the organization of alumni chapters throughout the state where they think it advisable, and that charters and by-laws be furnished the new chapters as evidence of affiliation with the central organization at Auburn. Motion carried.

Motion made that Erskine Ramsay be made an honorary member of the association—carried unanimously.

Resolution read and adopted that thanks be extended to the executive secretary, J. V. Brown, for his un-

tiring efforts in behalf of the association, and the publication of the Auburn Alumnus. Motion also made that the executive committee be empowered to arrange a budget and to make plans for the continuation of the publication of the bulletin. Motion carried.

Motion made that resolution be adopted expressing the thanks of the association to Dr. Spright Dowell, and its grateful appreciation for the excellent service given both the college and the association during his term as President of the Institution. Also that the very best wishes of the association should go with him wherever he may go. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. George Dickey, of Evergreen, that Auburn resume athletic relations with the University of Alabama. This was favored by the association and also heartily favored by Dr. Bradford Knapp, who was present. Dr. Knapp stated that he thought the best time to do this was after we have built a stadium at Auburn, which he hoped would not be far distant, so that the games might be played at one of the institutions, as he thought it would be hazardous to play a game at a neutral point where neither college would be host or guest. Motion was not urged, and the matter was left in the hands of the president-elect to act upon when he deemed it wise to do so.

A resolution was passed that the president of the association be instructed to tender thanks from the association to the trustees of the college for their wise selection of Dr. Bradford Knapp as the new college president. Adopted unanimously.

Motion made and carried to adjourn.

J. V. Brown,  
Executive Secretary.

At 1:30 o'clock the alumni repaired to the Carpenter Shop where a delightful luncheon had been arranged by the various committees appointed from the local alumni chapter. Things were so arranged that a host of more than 800 were served within the short time of thirty minutes. There was not the usual delay and confusion which accompanies such undertakings. The committees were as follows:

Dr. I. S. McAdory, '04, was chairman of the barbecue committee and was ably assisted by S. L. Toomer '93, Emmett Sizemore, had for his duty, the provision and distribution of drinks; whereas, Dan Jones supervised the direction of tables and arrangement of the dining hall. Ser-

geants Moxham and Foreman assisted Dr. McAdory in serving the barbecue.

The following Auburn women helped make the luncheon a success with their services. Mrs. S. L. Toomer, Mrs. I. S. McAdory, Mrs. W. W. Hill, Mrs. R. C. Brown, Mrs. P. O. Davis, Mrs. P. R. Bidez, Miss Mary Beasley, Miss Kate Holifield, Mrs. C. A. Cary, Mrs. L. N. Duncan, Mrs. Dan Jones, Mrs. Herman Jones, Mrs. B. B. Ross, Mrs. J. R. Rutland, Mrs. Homer Wright, Mrs. Susie Wright, Mrs. A. D. Lipscomb, Mrs. C. L. Hare, and Miss Katherine Hare.

The baseball game at 3 o'clock between the Tigers and Mercer University resulted in a 5 to 1 victory for Auburn. With practically all of the alumni present, the attendance at this game was one of the largest this spring.

The annual festival of lights from 7 to 8 o'clock in the evening followed by class exercises in Langdon Hall, later in the evening, a reception honoring the senior class given by President and Mrs. Dowell on the lawn of the president's mansion, brought the day to a close.

## ATHLETIC SURVEY

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Georgia Tech winning in the second column. Since 1925, the Auburn cinder men have annexed five Southern records. In 1925 "Bobby" Locke won the pole vault record with 12 feet 7 3-4 inches; in 1926 Baskin was awarded the Southern record in the high hurdles, with a short time of 14 3-5 seconds. In 1923 three records were smashed. Snider went down the lane in the 220-yard sprints in 21 2-5 seconds, and the 440 in 48 4-5 seconds, and Beard, 1928 track captain, lowered the time for the 220 low hurdles to 24 2-5 seconds. Baskin's high hurdle record, with Snider's time in the 440 and Beard's in the 220 low hurdles still stand as Southern records.

Three relays featured Auburn's 1928 track schedule. In the Texas relays in Austin, Robinson was second in the javelin, Snider fifth in the 100 and Beard fifth in the broad jump. In the Rice relays, Robinson was first in the javelin, Snider third in the 100, and Beard fourth in the Broad jump. In the Tech relays Capt. Beard was first in the high hurdles, and third in the broad jump, with Robinson second in the javelin.

### Big Victory

**I**N A THREE-CORNERED meet, Auburn, Georgia and Florida, at Gainesville, Auburn copped first place, scoring 51 points, Georgia 44



and Florida 31. Three dual meets resulted in one tie, one victory and one defeat for Auburn, with Georgia, Tulane and Georgia Tech respectively. It was the last meet that Auburn lost, which broke a seven years' spell of no defeats in dual meets.

Coach Wilbur Hutsell has developed a reputation as a track coach now known throughout the width and breadth of the country. He has been named as an assistant coach of the Olympic team to represent the United States in Amsterdam this Summer. Percy Beard, of Greensboro, Ala., will captain the 1929 track squad.

During the past collegiate season Auburn experienced one of her worst, if not the worst year on the gridiron. This is conceded by Auburn men and supporters everywhere. In fact, this writer has heard only one optimistic remark about the 1927 football season—that is as to scoring—which has practically all to do with a football game. An Auburn freshman, in a quick-witted rebuttal to some one commenting on the Auburn season dared the statement: "Well, we could have lost the two we tied with Tulane and Howard College." And that's right, there could have been two more losses.

But with the season reaching a rock-bottom ebb last year, and with Coach Bohler at the helm, there should be improvement in 1928. Coach Bohler comes to Auburn with a fine record as a coach and he will find a nice nucleus around which to build his machine for 1928. With all this and with the able assistance of Coach Boozer Pitts and Moulton and Brown, the football situation assumes a more optimistic hue than that of a year ago. "Nick" Carter, of Blountsville, Ala., tackle, will captain the next season's football team.

### FRESHMEN HAVE GOOD RATING

Someone has been doing some round-about figuring lately, and it is now found that our Rat baseball team has a world's record. It comes about in the following way: the Rats beat Fort Benning, Fort Benning beat Georgia Tech, Tech beat Atlanta, Atlanta beat Cleveland, and Cleveland beat the Yanks, who are the Champions of the world. Therefore our Freshmen have a team that can beat the best of them.

## INSPECTION TRIP

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nessee River a few miles from the Tri-Cities of Florence, Sheffield and Tuscumbia. It is number two of a group of three dams to be built on the river in that vicinity. Number one has already been built, while number three is only proposed. Work will not start on the third dam until the disposition of this enormous project is finally made by Congress.

Wilson Dam has a total length of 4,600 feet and an over-all height of 117 feet. It is 101 feet wide at bed rock with a spillway apron 259 feet. The total amount of concrete used for this huge dam will be, when completed, 1,291,395 cubic yards, making it absolutely the largest dam in the world. Wilson Dam furnishes a maximum head of 96 feet, and a minimum head of 68 feet. It will, when completed, back water up the river sixteen miles, to the opposite side of Dam Number Three.

The total cost of Wilson Dam will be approximately 50,000,000 dollars. This will include two locks on the north bank of the river for navigation purposes. These locks will have a total lift of 91 feet (in two stages), a length of 300 feet, and a width of 60 feet. The available depth will be seven and one half feet.

The entire width across the river from the locks on the north bank to the powerhouse on the south bank constitutes the spillway. This spillway consists of 63 steel cressed gates which keep the lake at a uniform height. These gates measure 18 x 38 feet and weigh about 33 tons each.

The powerhouse; located on the south bank, has a height of 1,184 feet, and a width of 71 feet; and a height of 50 feet about the main floor. When completed it will house 18 generating units and two exciting units. Eight of these units have already been installed, and are now delivering power. The first four units are driven by 30,000 HP hydraulic turbines, while the last four use 35,000 HP turbines. The units deliver 25,000 KW at 12,000 volts, and the last four 26,000 KW at 12,000 volts. All units run at a standard speed of 100 RPM. At full load the water discharge per turbine is 3,450 cubic feet per second.

The Alabama Power Company is at present operating this plant. It has installed and constructed the necessary substations and power lines for the distribution of power. Further construction is waiting the action of Congress.

## MISS ALLIE GLENN

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ness so essential in music. Her tutelage in voice has been by qualified masters. Her speech, even, is indicative of a trained voice, being full and pleasant, always concomitant to a smile. If you've never seen Miss Allie's smile, you've missed something. It's an effortless, the-world-is-good-smile; it's there because it's supposed to be, and supposed to be there because nothing else could blend so pleasantly with her silver hair, understanding eyes, and intelligent expression.

During the activities of alumni day, May 21, one alumnus in speaking of Miss Allie, was heard to say, "She's the sweetheart of A. P. I." Such is indicative of the affection with which she is held by former Auburn men.

## OLYMPIC PROSPECTS

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Ark., High school stands out this year as a possible star among the American javelin throwers, having 205 feet, 5 inches to his credit, and is consistently better than 195. Herman, Southern Methodist; Robinson, Alabama Poly; Holliday, Louisiana State, and Anderson, of Georgia, will do better than 190.

## COTTON

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plantation he feels inferior to her, despite his great accomplishments. She is in love with him, and in the end is responsible for saving Maynard from lynching at the hands of irate cotton growers.

Captain Shelby is able to involve Maynard, with the help of a henchman on the Yates plantation, in a plot that finally leads him to jail and a near lynching as a result of the burning of the warehouse in which the county's cotton is stored. The mystery of the firing of the warehouse is solved by Mary Ruth's heroic visit to Shelby's house, and in a stirring, exciting scene, Maynard is rescued from the mob and then absolved from guilt. He is reinstated in the esteem of the men of the county, placed again in charge of the warehouse, and as a final mead of triumph he wins Mary Ruth. The book ends with a Christmas celebration of which the climax is the wedding.

One value of the book that has not been indicated in this synopsis is the background of thorough knowledge of cotton growing and marketing that the author displays. Several of the chapters would serve as excellent

propaganda for the cause of scientific procedure in raising cotton. Larry Maynard has had intimate experience with cotton in all parts of the world, and is perfectly familiar with what the agricultural colleges, and especially Auburn, have had to suggest. In addition he has ideas of his own, particularly with regard to the management of labor. Certainly they clash with the accepted ideas of the old growers, and we see sharply the resentment that the introduction of anything new always arouses. Bethea is very familiar with the results of the old, inefficient, even ignorant growing and handling of the crop. He brings out very clearly the advantages of co-operative marketing, and points the way to more profitable returns for the grower from his cotton crop. Maynard is conspicuously successful with his method on his plantation, and proves to his employers the wisdom of his plan to grow cotton directly for the mill. This book is valuable merely for the information about cotton that it contains. But this is by no means all.

The style in which the novel is written possesses no literary distinction, but the narrative is of unflagging interest. What more does the average reader wish? The tale moves swiftly and surely. The plot is complicated enough to keep the reader's concern high. Certain of the scenes, like that in which Maynard is rescued from the hands of the mob, are tensely and powerfully written. It is a novel highly to be recommended for the reader who likes action and plenty of it, the romance of danger and close escape, and the sweetening of the whole through a love affair bound up in it all yet minor to the action.

The author of *Cotton*, Mr. Jack Bethea, is already a novelist of considerable repute. He has published three books before this one, each dealing with what might be called the industrial background of the new South. These novels, *Bed Rock*, *The Deep Seam*, and *Honor Bound*, are concerned with the mining industries near Birmingham, and betray the same penetrating understanding of those scenes and the life that is bound up with them that may be found in the present novel. Always these books are written in such a way that great interest in the story and characters is aroused; they are continuously interesting, as this one is. For the person who comes to the present book as the first of Bethea's work, one would like to suggest that he go back and read some or all of the earlier novels. They will prove as worth-while as

*Cotton*.

Mr. Bethea has widened his horizon in this book by writing of a subject that is more widely significant for the South and the nation as a whole. For a long time no adequate treatment of the cotton growing in this section and its importance in the industrial and social scheme of things has been given us in books. In the literature of the day we are getting presentations of the life of sections of the country—witness the floods of books concerned with the middle Western farm—and all this time the life of great sections of the South where cotton is digging in very rich fields indeed. There are possibilities for many more novels of serious purpose written upon this theme. We hope that Mr. Bethea will do other books as significant and interesting as *Cotton*.

#### ERSKINE RAMSAY

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half owner of the Bank of Ensley, Ala. In addition to all this he finds time to belong to two country clubs in Birmingham and one in Pennsylvania, and he is an active member of the Birmingham Kiwanis Club and the Y. M. C. A.

Although he has received many offers from Pennsylvania and other coal and iron producing states, Mr. Ramsay has remained steadfast to the district in which he obtained his start. Of late years he has attained special prominence because of his civic activities and philanthropies. As chairman of the finance committee he is credited with a large share in the success of the Birmingham Semi-Centennial. During the war he was an active and useful dollar-a-year worker for the Government. Recently, he gave \$100,000 to the Alabama Polytechnic Institute for the construction of an engineering building at the same time continuing his contributions to many other educational institutions, civic activities, and charities in his city and state.

Mr. Ramsay was one of the men responsible for the organization of the Jefferson Powder Co. and the construction of its plant at Birmingham. This plant, taken over by the Aetna Explosives Co., Inc. in 1915 and now owned and operated by the Hercules Powder Co., has for many years supplied a large share of the explosives used in the South.

In addition to being a mining engineer, executive and financier, he has invented and designed more than forty noteworthy improvements in equipment used for the production of coal, coke, and pig-iron.

#### DR. KNAPP ADDRESSES ALABAMA BANKERS

Dr. Bradford Knapp, future president of Auburn spoke before the Alabama Bankers Association, May 18. His subject was "A Sound Economic Policy for Alabama." He presented economic facts about conditions in Alabama and suggested means to better Alabama industrially and agriculturally.

Dr. Knapp has spoken to several state bankers associations and has even appeared before the American Bankers Association.

#### TIDMORE RETURNS TO DUTIES

Prof. J. W. Tidmore of the faculty of the Agronomy department of the college of agriculture, Auburn, has returned after spending two years on leave in graduate work at the University of California.

While in California Prof. Tidmore completed his resident work for the degree of doctor of philosophy which will be conferred upon him when he completes his thesis, which he expects to do in connection with his work at Auburn.

#### THIS SOPH SHOULD INVENT GADGET THAT WILL CONJUGATE VERBS

Princeton.—Robert Brown, sophomore, is the big gadget and thingamajig man of Princeton university.

A faculty investigation of the time and effort-saving devices which he has installed in his room was ordered recently.

Brown's pet device is an alarm clock that awakens him in the morning, falls off wooden pegs and sets off a network of weights and cords which close the window, turn on an electric heater and start a fire in a stove on which coffee and an egg are on to boil. He opens his door by pulling a cord, lights the apartment or any part of it from a central switchboard, picks up objects with a hooked pole and sleeps on a bed seven feet off the floor.

The elevation of the bed gives Brown room for a piano. He gets water thru a hose run to an adjoining washroom, and to save the bother of going in to turn it on has rigged up an electric buzzer near the faucets.

Some of Brown's contraptions violate rules, but the authorities have agreed not to disturb him if he restores his room to its original condition when he is graduated.



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The Summer Session will, as usual, place special emphasis on graduate work in Education for Superintendents, Supervisors, and Principals.

Courses for Normal School graduates working toward the bachelor's degree in preparation for classroom or supervisory positions will receive especial attention.

Auburn's Summer Session enrollment for 1927 was 1020. Of these 121 were college graduates doing advanced work, 87 were normal school graduates working toward the bachelor's degree.

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